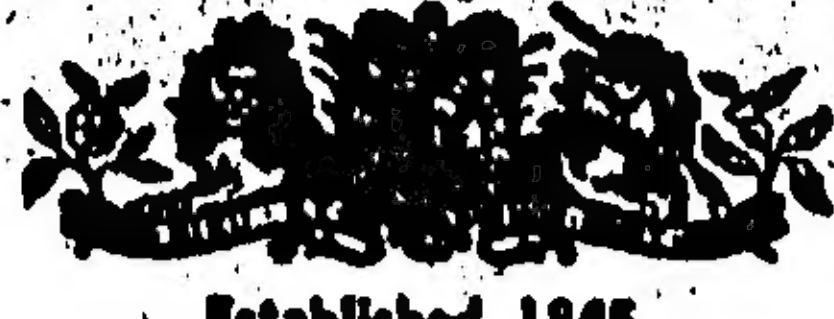




THE WEATHER: Moderate N.E. winds. Fresh and gusty in exposed places. Overcast at first, improving slowly to give fair periods later this afternoon. Continuing cold.

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Comment Of The Day

A PLACE IN THE SUN

THE most demoralising thing about Russia's rocket announcements is that they are always first-class sensations. Not only does Soviet science seem to make considerable advances but always they appear to have failed them with no prior failures. What is even more demoralising is that they are invariably followed by the most depressing reactions in the West. Thus, while Russia's rocket hurtles past the moon at more than 20,000 mph to become a planet of the sun, the Americans talk disconsolately about being a year behind. President Eisenhower gamely sends his congratulations.

But what is the truth? Certainly the Russians have scored a spectacular success. America's talking Atlas satellite and even its lunar probes are small fry by the side of the Soviet space vehicle. Give the Russians their due they are undoubtedly ahead. But, our grapes aside, let's look at their feat in perspective. Their announcement did not tell how many times they have tried—and undoubtedly failed—to achieve the success they are boasting today.

Notorious Lie

THE Russians have also told at least one notorious lie. When Professor Lovell, Director of Britain's giant radio telescope at Jodrell Bank, was told in Russia recently he was told they had no intention of attempting a moon rocket. Remember that the Jodrell Bank telescope was at one time last year the only instrument in the Western world capable of tracking a space rocket. Could it be that the Russians did not want him to spot their preliminary tests, and their failures? What other reason did they have for deceiving Professor Lovell, except additionally to put the Americans off guard?

The fact that the latest announcement by Moscow makes no mention of failures does not greatly detract from their splendid achievement but only a fool can believe that Soviet science is as infallible and as consistently brilliant as Moscow Radio suggests it is. The trouble is that there are millions of gullible people in the world who will believe all that the Russians want them to believe.

The essence of the Soviet success is this: they can conduct their tests in totalitarian secrecy. The Americans cannot. Nor is a free and competitive Press "to blame" for providing the vivid contrasts of American failures or half successes which make Russia's efforts so terribly demoralising. Twentieth century democracy has produced a people from whom no secrets may be hid—says those vital to national security. Unless this is to change, we have to learn to be lulled by shocks and hardened by our failures for it is clearly an age where many more adverse sensations are in store for us.

RUSSIAN SUPER SPACE ROCKET GOES INTO ORBIT AROUND SUN NOW SILENCE FROM SPACE

Tracking Stations Lose Contact

London, Jan. 5. Russia's super space rocket went into a silent orbit around the Sun as Tass reported that Soviet tracking stations had lost contact with the rocket because of the earth's rotation.

The rocket will complete its first revolution of the Sun in March 1960, and U.S. scientists said the Russian rocket will eventually return to earth in hundreds of years time.

At 3 a.m. Hongkong time the rocket was 318,000 miles from the earth and 147,000 miles from the moon, Tass reported. The rocket passed the nearest point to the moon of its trajectory at 10.59 a.m. Hongkong time yesterday.

The U.S. calculations were based on Soviet announcements indicating that the 3,200-pound lunar vehicle will go into an elliptical orbit around the Sun, taking 15 months to complete one orbit.

When it does, he said, it will cause a brilliant flash in the sky. But there probably will be no way of distinguishing this from the arrival of any large meteorite.

Dr Stewart said only dust from the rocket's disintegration was likely to reach the U.P.I. of the earth.—Reuters and U.P.I.

Antarctica Crash

McMurdo Sound, Antarctica, Jan. 4. Two U.S. Navy men were killed and three others seriously injured today when their small airplane crashed while taking off from Antarctica's only land runway.—U.P.I.

Louey May Return To Work This Week

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Mr William S. T. Louey, general manager of the Kowloon Motor Bus Co., who was shot and wounded on December 22, is recovering quickly and expects to return to work later this week.



W. S. T. LOUEY

Cooper Turns Pro For Three Years



ASHLEY COOPER
Pro For US\$104,000

Ingrid May Be Charged With Bigamy

Rome, Jan. 4. Legal experts in Rome said today that film star Ingrid Bergman would probably be charged with bigamy.

They said that before Miss Bergman's marriage with producer Roberto Rossellini could be annulled, it would have to be proved that at the same time of that marriage to him she was still the wife of Dr Peter Lindstrom, her first husband.

However, if the court recognises her marriage to Rossellini as valid, she is still legally married to the Italian producer, and her latest marriage, therefore makes her subject to a charge of bigamy.

They compared Miss Bergman's situation with that of film star Sophia Loren and producer Carlo Ponti, who are to be charged with bigamy, it was announced yesterday.—France-Press.

Gives Birth At 60 MPH

Lyons, Jan. 4. A woman gave birth to a baby in an ambulance speeding her at about 60 mph to a Lyons maternity hospital.—China Mail Special.

Sydney, Jan. 5. Ashley Cooper, Australia's Davis Cup star and the world's first-ranking amateur tennis player, announced today that he has agreed to turn professional under a three-year contract totalling US\$104,000.

Cooper thus joined his Davis Cup teammate, Mal Anderson, as a member of Jack Kramer's professional troupe. Cooper, the 1958 Wimbledon, United States National and Australian National Champion, was married to former Miss Australia, Helen Wood, on January 2 as some 5,000 tennis fanatics swarmed about the church.

Smoothest

One of the smoothest players ever to come out of Australia, the 22-year-old Cooper originally planned to be a doctor but was persuaded to stick to amateur tennis by the Australian Davis Cup captain, Harry Hopman. He quickly jumped into the international spotlight in 1955 by beating both Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall, Australia's ranking stars, within a span of 10 days.

A favourite of Hopman, Cooper is described by tennis experts as having "an excellent service, good ground strokes, speed and the ideal temperament for tournament competition." The son of a Melbourne headmaster, Cooper was an honour student in school. His father wanted him to continue on to become a doctor but Cooper asked that he be given two years to attempt to become an internationally-ranked player—a feat he accomplished overnight.

Top Heights

Cooper reached the top heights of his career in July and September of 1958 when he won the Wimbledon men's singles crown and added the U.S. National title at Forest Hills, New York.

Cooper, first seeded at Wimbledon, won the crown by downing fellow countryman, Neale Fraser, 6-2, 3-6, 4-6, 10-8, 8-6, in the U.S. Nationals.

Cooper helped Australia retain possession of the Davis Cup in 1957 by beating Vasek Pospisil of Philadelphia in his opening singles round.—U.P.I.

Dag Leaves

Amman, Jan. 4. Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, United Nations Secretary-General, left here for Saudi Arabia today after a two-day visit to Jordan.—Reuters.

GIRLS FURIOUS OVER B.E.A. ORDER

London, Jan. 4. Seven hundred air girls are furious over an order from Lord Douglas of Kirtleside, British European Airways Chairman, to cut three inches off their calf-length skirts.

The order went out at London airport after Lady Douglas told her husband that she thought the dresses and skirts worn by hostesses, receptionists and clerks were "grotesque."

Most of the air girls are determined to ignore the order to keep up with Paris fashions. But a few have already got busy with their scissors.

Ridiculous

One hostess said: "Let's be honest. It's ridiculous to assume that we all have Monroe figures and nice legs. We are all shapes and sizes. A short skirt would make some of us foolish."

Lady Douglas said she only made the suggestion to her husband. "He agreed but I wouldn't dare let it go in my husband's business," she said. "I do think some of the girls wear their dresses much too long. They look grotesque—make me wince. I have shortened my skirts and I like the new length."—Reuters.

Mikoyan Goes On A Cook's Tour

Washington, Jan. 4. Soviet Deputy Premier, Anastas Mikoyan, began a two-week unofficial visit to the United States by watching American mechanical gadgets in rap fascination and then taking a Cook's tour of this capital of tourism.

The black-moustached Russian leader, also took time out to chase a squirrel up a tree, inspect the Washington Monument, visit an art gallery and find out how a parking meter works.

He next strolled virtually unnoticed into the heart of the Washington shopping area.

DR ZHIVAGO

At one point, he gazed into the window of a bookshop, emblazoned in red letters above his head was a sign: Dr Zhivago, the Pulitzer prize winning novel by Boris Pasternak. They also stopped at the Corcoran Art Gallery. Mikoyan, wearing old fashioned gold-rimmed glasses, stared intently at the paintings.—U.P.I.

See P. 8.

Anti-H-Bomb Demonstrators Choose To Stay In Prison

London, Jan. 4. Leaders of recent anti-H-Bomb demonstrations at a rocket base in eastern England have decided to go to gaol rather than promise "to keep the peace."

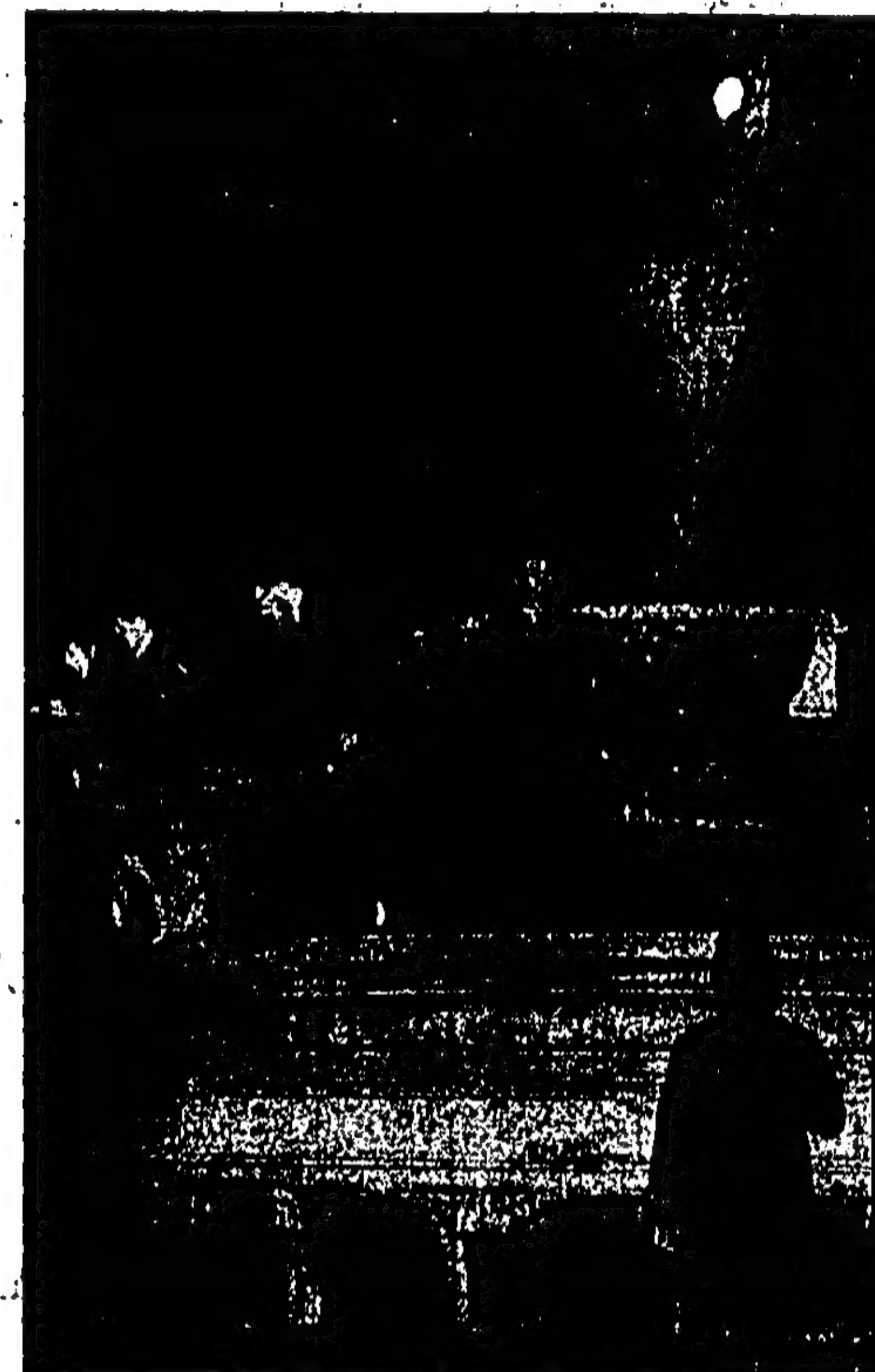
Mr Hugh Brock, Vice-Chairman of the Direct Action Committee against nuclear war, which organised the demonstration on December 20 said tonight that a week's consideration had not changed the committee's mind.

"We are going to prison," he said. On December 20, a magistrate's court at Swindon, near the

site of the rocket base, gave 37 of the demonstrators seven days to decide whether or not to enter into recognisances of £10 to keep the peace for a year. The alternative was 14 days in gaol.

Among them was the Rev. Michael Scott, an Anglican minister, who flew from Ghana to take part in the demonstration.

A Wet And Happy New Year



New Year's Eve revellers in London's Trafalgar Square have fun in the fountains—watched by a policeman. Four policemen lost their helmets in Trafalgar Square during the revels.—Express Photo.

RUSSIANS USING 'LADIES IN WAITING' FOR ESPIONAGE

Washington, Jan. 4. The Russians have obtained a considerable amount of vital intelligence information by the use of sex as a weapon against Western representatives stationed in Communist countries, according to a report issued today by the House of Representatives Committee on un-American activities.

The report disclosed this in a section called "Ladies in waiting."

The Committee added that the importance of Soviet espionage in the United States should not be underestimated. It said the Russians recruited spies here and abroad by blackmail, threats against relatives in Communist countries, by "frame-ups" and by the use of sex.

"The facts brought out in this report," the Committee said, "make it crystal clear that Communist 'embassies,' consulates, U.N. delegations, trade and other missions have been, and are presently, used as legal covers for international Communist spy rings."—Reuters.



Fire on run along hoses as a woman salvages belongings from her wrecked home after a U.S. Super Sabre jet-fighter crashed into houses at Kegons, near Ipswich, after taking off. A woman was killed and several people injured. The pilot used his ejector seat and escaped unhurt.—Reuters.

Australia Wins By Eight Wickets

Melbourne, Jan. 5. Australia, nine for one wicket at the close of play on Saturday, lost another wicket in hitting off the necessary 80 runs in 55 minutes this morning to win the Second Test Match by eight wickets and three runs and be two up in the five-match series in their bid to regain the Ashes from England.

Australia won the first Test at Brisbane also by eight wickets. Jim Burke, not out two on Saturday, made the winning hit by sending Loder to the tapes when Australia, requiring 39 for victory, were 38 for two.

Surrey Spinner

Jim Laker, the Surrey spinner, claimed the second Australian wicket before the match ended. Brian Statham and Peter Loder each opened with a maiden as play started today in very warm and humid weather and on what was described as a perfect batting wicket.

In no hurry the batsmen advanced the score in singles and twos and took half an hour to add 15 runs.

Two Down

Laker took over after three overs by Statham and with his fifth ball enticed Groot out of his crease and Evans did the necessary for Australia to be two down for 32.

The Australian wicket-keeper made 12.

At the other end Tony Lock, replacing Laker, bowled a maiden with five fielders on the leg side.

Laker followed with another maiden, with Harvey finding it difficult to get the ball through the field, but the batsman opened his account with a single in Lock's next over after surviving an appeal for leg before.

Harvey took four runs off Lock's third over but it was left to Burke to make the winning hit.

Scoreboard

England — 239 and 87
Australia — 308 and 42 for two.
Australia's 2nd Innings
C. McDonald, lbw b. Statham 5
J. Burke, not out 18
W. Groot, st. Evans 12
Laker 7
N. Harvey, not out 7

Total for two wickets 42

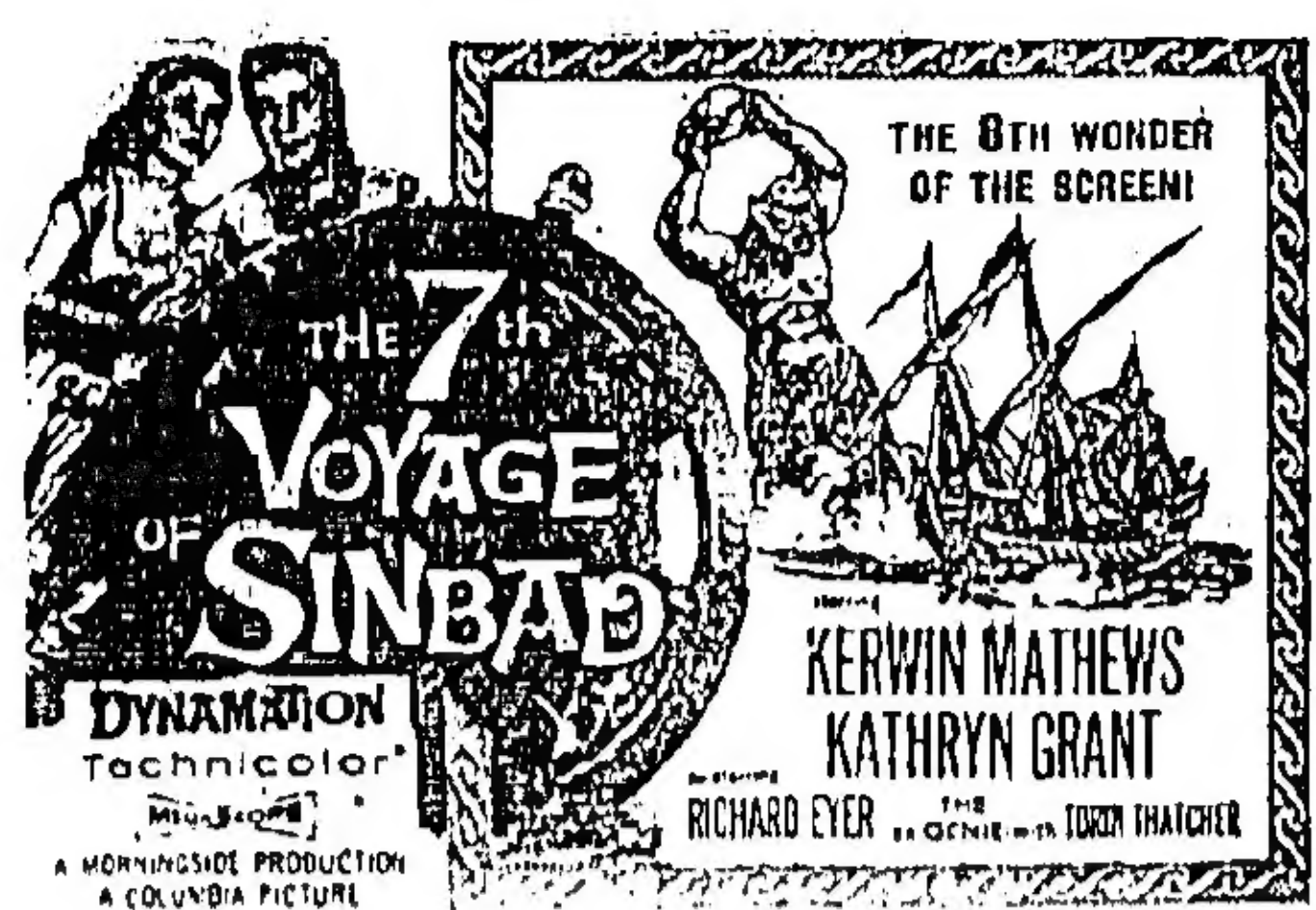
Fall of wickets: 1/6, 2/26.

Bowling O M R W
Statham 5 1 11 1
Laker 5 1 13 0
Loder 4 1 7 1
Lock 3 1 11 0

The next, third, Test match begins in Sydney on Friday.—Reuters.

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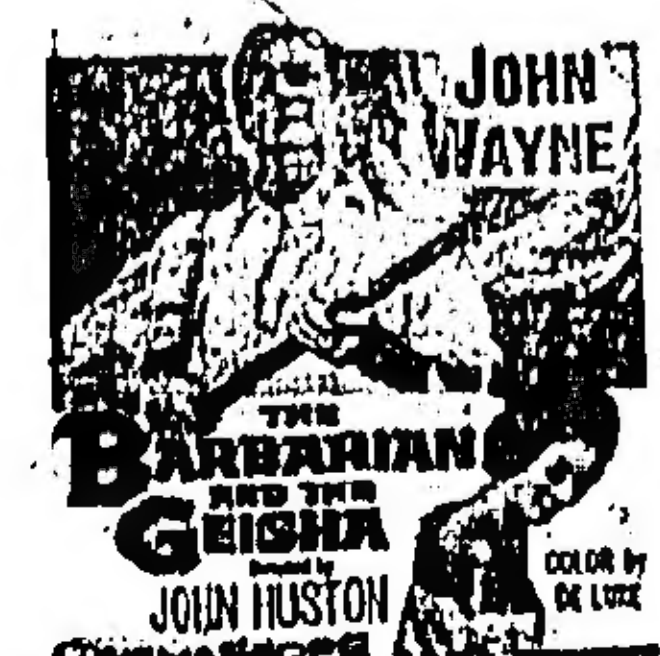
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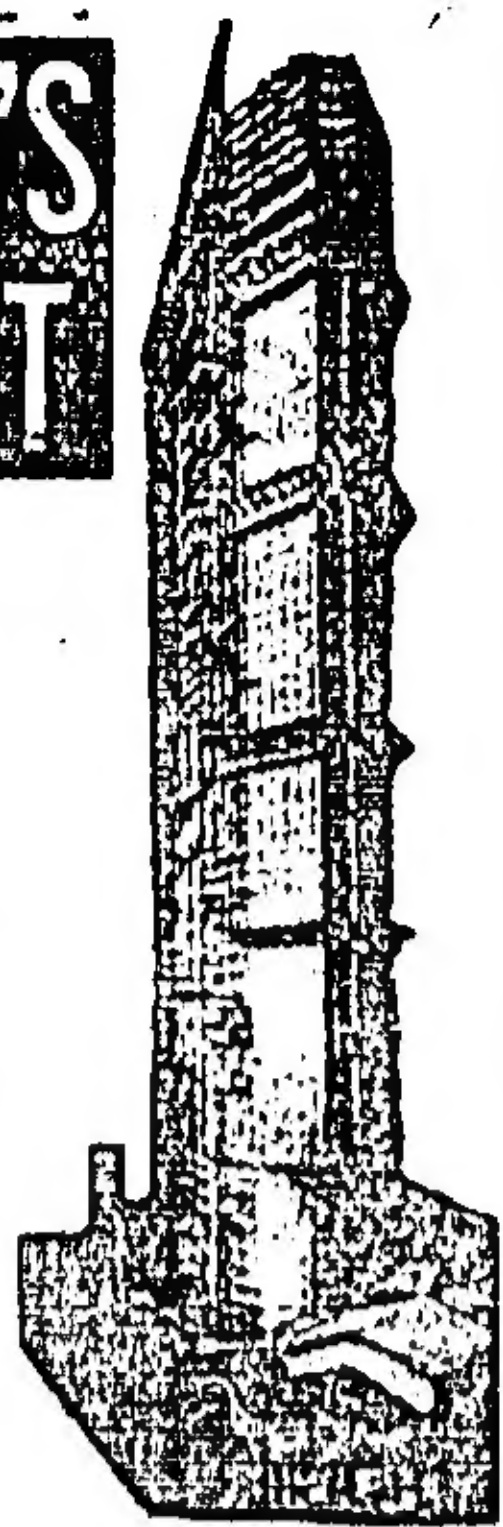
CUBA STRIKE SHOPS OPEN FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

Havana, Jan. 4.

The rebel leader, Fidel Castro, tonight announced an end to the general strike which has shuttered the shops of Havana and other Cuban cities and resulted in widespread hunger.

Castro's order was believed to mean that all officials, rebel factions and the armed forces had agreed unconditionally to Manuel Errutia as provisional President.

Castro previously had demanded this agreement as a condition for ending the paralyzing strike.



EUROPE'S TALLEST

Towering more than 400 feet over Milan, Italy—which has so many new tall buildings it is now called "The New World"—this 31-storey building is Europe's highest building.

It has 1,000 telephones, and houses an "auto-matic post-office" which distributes 11,000 letters and packages daily.

GAOLBIRDS "ADOPT" 10-YEAR-OLD GIRL

San Quentin, Jan. 4. Diamante Samartiz, a 10-year-old girl living in a remote mountain village in Greece, has been "adopted" by the 5,000 convicts of San Quentin Prison.

The convicts "adopted" the girl through Foster Parents Plan, Inc., a New York charity organization.

They subscribed \$1,400 for her support, from which she will receive \$15 a month.

She got a Christmas package containing gifts, mostly hand-made by the prisoners, and an extra \$25.—China Mail Special.

Twice She Went To Church To Be Married

London, Jan. 4.

A wedding that was cancelled as the bride left for the church had a happy ending two days later.

After a quiet marriage ceremony at the 400-year-old Northwich (Cheshire) parish church, there was a big hug and kiss from bridegroom George Cape for bride Shirley Taylor.

Shirley, aged 22, a telephone operator at the Northwich, Northwich, smiled happily after the wedding, and George 23, of Rye, Close, Hartford, put his arm round Shirley and said:

"The first wedding was cancelled because I was ill. It was not stage fright, I had a genuine illness."

His 49-year-old mother, Mrs. Maude Westcott, said: "He couldn't have stood at the altar in his condition. We called a doctor who advised George to take a complete rest and sent word to Shirley."

Shirley left her bridal gown at home and wore a navy blue costume for the second wedding service.—China Mail Special.

Castro's own choice for provisional President, took the oath of office in Santiago last night.

The national rebel radio network broadcast Castro's order to end the strike after the victorious rebel leader entered the eastern Cuban city of Camaguey with a 1,500-man armed column on his triumphal journey across the island from Santiago to Havana.

Rebel officials in Havana relaxed the general strike earlier in the day by allowing grocery stores to open two hours a day to permit hungry residents to obtain food.

They also pressed a round-up of remaining supporters of the ousted regime of Fulgencio Batista.

Castro's order was expected to open up the shuttered city rapidly and get business going again. The rebels imposed an effective strike during their final drive against the Government prior to Batista's flight into exile on January 1.

Earlier today the Foreign Office announced that more than 800 former followers of ex-President Fulgencio Batista had taken refuge in the Chilean embassy at Havana.

Americans Get Army Posts

Paris, Jan. 4.

Two American soldiers of fortune have been given military posts in the Cuban provisional government.

The Americans were identified as rebel Major William Morgan, of Ohio, and John Spirito of Los Angeles.

They were appointed Army chiefs in the cities of Cienfuegos and Cumanayagua respectively, the reports said.

The soldiers were described as veterans of the rebel fighting in Central Cuba.

Morgan's first act as military commander of Cienfuegos was to order the confiscation of the newspaper "El Comercio," owned by the former Minister of Interior and Senator-elect, Santiago Rey.

The paper was "put into the service of the revolution" and renamed "Cienfuegos Libre"—U.P.I.

'BLED TO DEATH'

London, Jan. 4.

The government was tonight accused of standing aside "while the cotton industry has almost bled to death."

The charge was made by Mr. Harold Wilson, a former socialist President of the Board of Trade at a meeting at Hyde. "It has been left to the Labour opposition to work out a practical plan for the future of the cotton industry," he added.—Reuter.

POLICE TO THE RESCUE

South Shields, Jan. 4.

Chin deep in swirling tidal waters and with torches in their teeth, Inspector Thomas Barnes and P.C. James Tierney waded 40 yards out to sea to rescue two schoolboys marooned on an island, and screaming with terror.

Twelve-year-old Wayne Ford of Norfolk Road, and Stephen Bainbridge, 11, of Wokworth Avenue, both of South Shields, were fishing when the tide cut them off.—China Mail Special.

New Cold War Threat?

Saigon, Jan. 5.

Southeast Asia may become the next hot spot in the cold war. Fears were heightened by reports that three regiments of Communist North Vietnamese troops penetrated 60 miles into Laotian territory this weekend.

The Communist move followed a verbal attack on the Laos Government by Hanoi Radio.

The reason for the Communist move was not immediately clear. But any action against Laos would pose a threat to other Indo-China states.

South Vietnam officials have repeatedly charged North Vietnam with increasing its military strength and threatening the violation of the 1954 Geneva agreement which ended the Indo-China war.

North Vietnam troops were also reported to have violated South Vietnam territory last November and again on December 23.—U.P.I.

Seato Exercise

A Franco-Press cable from Bangkok adds that a Seato Command Post exercise will take place in Northern Thailand from February 3 to 6.

Its objects are to train commanders and staffs in defensive military operations and to demonstrate United States army techniques and capabilities in providing atomic support to ground forces, the announcement said.

Long Run Ending

London, Jan. 4.

Sandy Wilson's musical of the 1920s, "The Boy Friend," which opened at Wyndham's Theatre, London, on January 14, 1954 will end its run on February 7.

On Monday, February 9, the West End production will start a provincial tour.—China Mail Special.

No Long-Range Programme

Washington, Jan. 4.

Dr. T. Keith Glennan, head of the Government's new civilian space agency, said today the United States had no long-range space programme.

The first task of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration would be to develop a programme covering both military and civilian projects.—U.P.I.

Private Visit

The Hague, Jan. 4.

Queen Juliana returned today from London in a plane piloted by Prince Bernhard after a three-day private visit to Princess Alice, Countess of Athlone.—Reuter.

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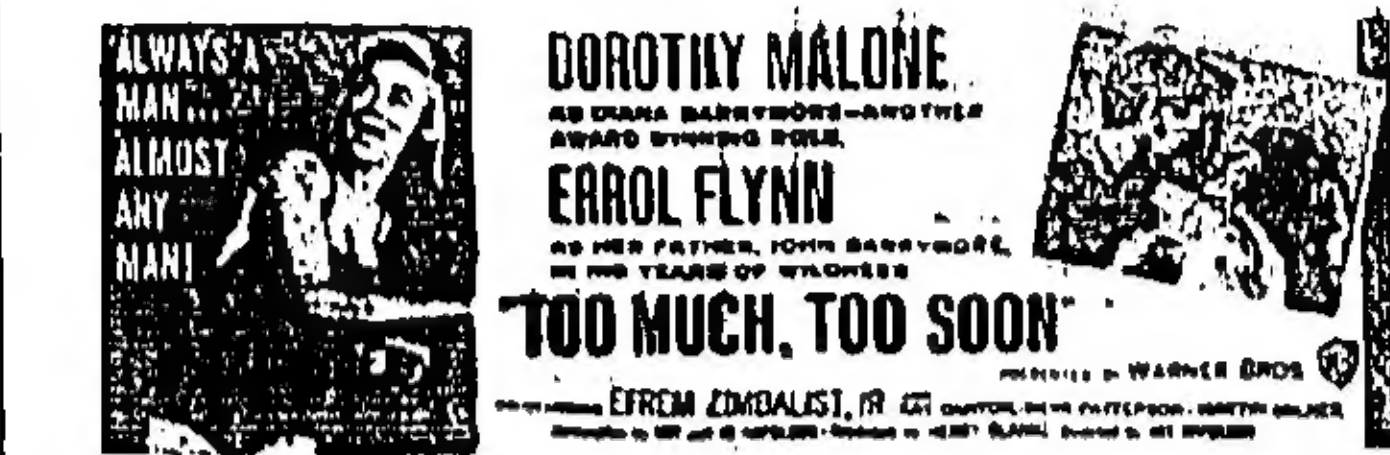
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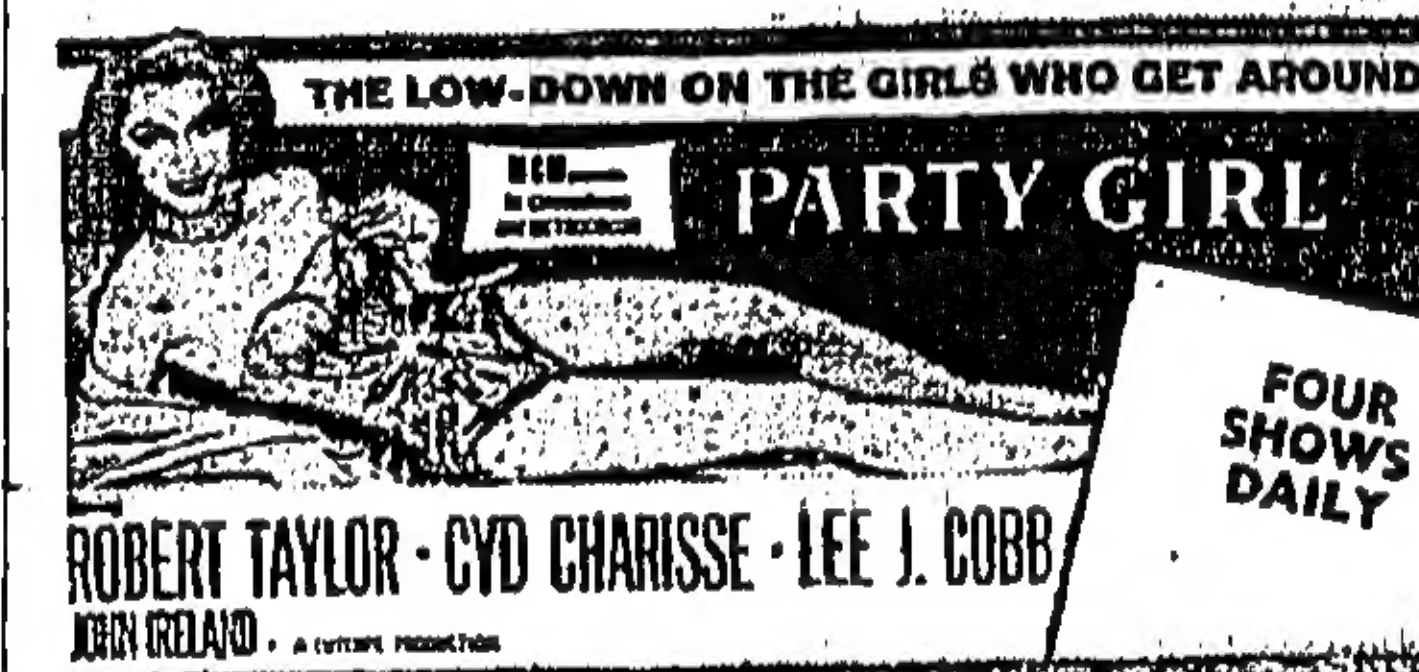
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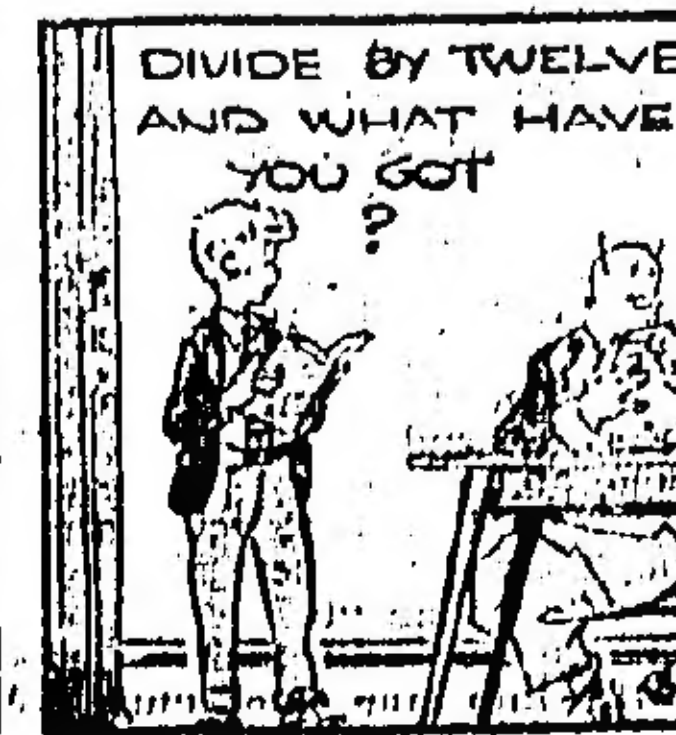
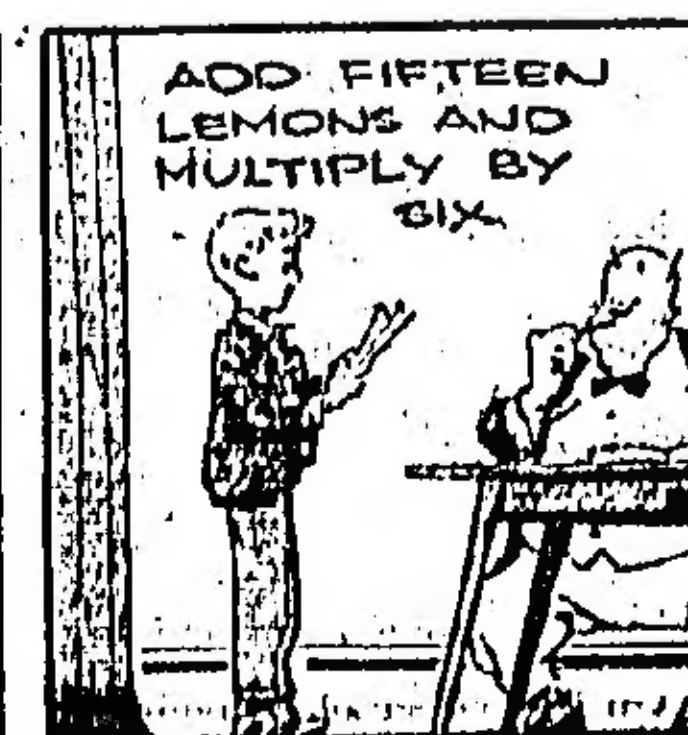
—The New Zealand Herald.

PROGRAMME

1. Prelude & Fugue in E Minor, Op. 28, No. 1 Mendelssohn
2. Sonata in E, No. 27, Op. 90 Beethoven
3. Scenes of Childhood, Op. 15 Schumann
4. Suite Bergamasque Debussy
5. Consolation No. 6 Liszt
6. Waltz and Bolero Caralla
7. Moorish Festival in Tangiers Turina
8. The Fairy Tale (Suite) F. Bridge

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SECRET FUND HELPS NAZIS FLEE GERMANY

Japanese Advt Bride Leaves Millionaire

Buenos Aires, Jan. 4. A pretty, 34-year-old Japanese bride, Mikiko Furukawa, has asked for a divorce after two months of marriage to 76-year-old Argentine millionaire, Jose Galichio, the Argentine daily *Luz* reported today.

Galichio, owner of an estate 300 miles north of Buenos Aires, went to Japan last year, advertised for a fiancée in the newspapers and promptly received some 300 replies.

He chose Mikiko Furukawa, a cultivated and beautiful teacher of English, and the newly-weds arrived in Buenos Aires on December 5.

The paper said that Galichio had shown extreme jealousy during the voyage because of the difference in their ages and had locked his wife in their cabin.

The couple had difficulty in understanding each other and required an interpreter, since Galichio spoke neither English nor Japanese, and his bride knew no Spanish, the paper said.

Galichio's son from a first marriage showed hostility to his young step-mother, who would have been the legal heir to his fortune in case of her husband's death, the paper said.

The young bride refused to live on the estate, moved to a hotel in the capital and asked a Japanese lawyer to obtain a divorce for her, the paper said.

Galichio refused to give her a divorce and the Japanese Embassy was working on the problem, since the wedding had taken place in Tokyo, the paper added.—France-Press.

Bonn, Jan. 4. Funds salted away in South America or Switzerland are believed to be financing a secret organisation which is enabling former Nazis with charges hanging over them to flee from Germany. They are going to Egypt or Syria to start afresh, with Nasser as their Fuehrer.

How is it being done, and who are the agents? German legal authorities confess themselves baffled.

"The financing of this business is really the gigantic question mark," says author Dr. Karl Marx, of Düsseldorf.

Dr. Marx, a leading member of the Reichstag, Jewish community, is heading a demand for legal investigation.

The organisation has a permanent quality. Passports are illegally provided, travel reservations made, and reception taken care of at staging points.

Take the case of Dr. Hans Kiesel, former concentration camp doctor with a long string of charges hanging over him.

Inquiries began in the slow motion that characterises so much of German justice, and Dr. Kiesel had plenty of time to disappear from his practice in Munich.

The West German trade union paper, *World of Work* quotes a reporter as having interviewed Dr. Kiesel on the Nile.

Said the doctor: "If the West German authorities only knew what contacts I had..."

Vanished

Take the case of Dr. Ludwig Zind, schoolteacher sentenced to a year's jail for saying in a cafe in the hearing of Jews, that "Not enough Jews were killed."

Zind appealed and lost. When the police went along to fetch him to jail, he had vanished.

He too was traced to Cairo. Could not legal authorities have seized Zind's passport?

That was the first thing we did they said. But Zind somehow obtained a set of travel papers which got him away without difficulty.

Bad Weather In U.K.

London, Jan. 4.

Most of Britain was in the grip of wintry weather today. At noon there was snow or ice on the roads of 72 counties in England, Wales, and Scotland.

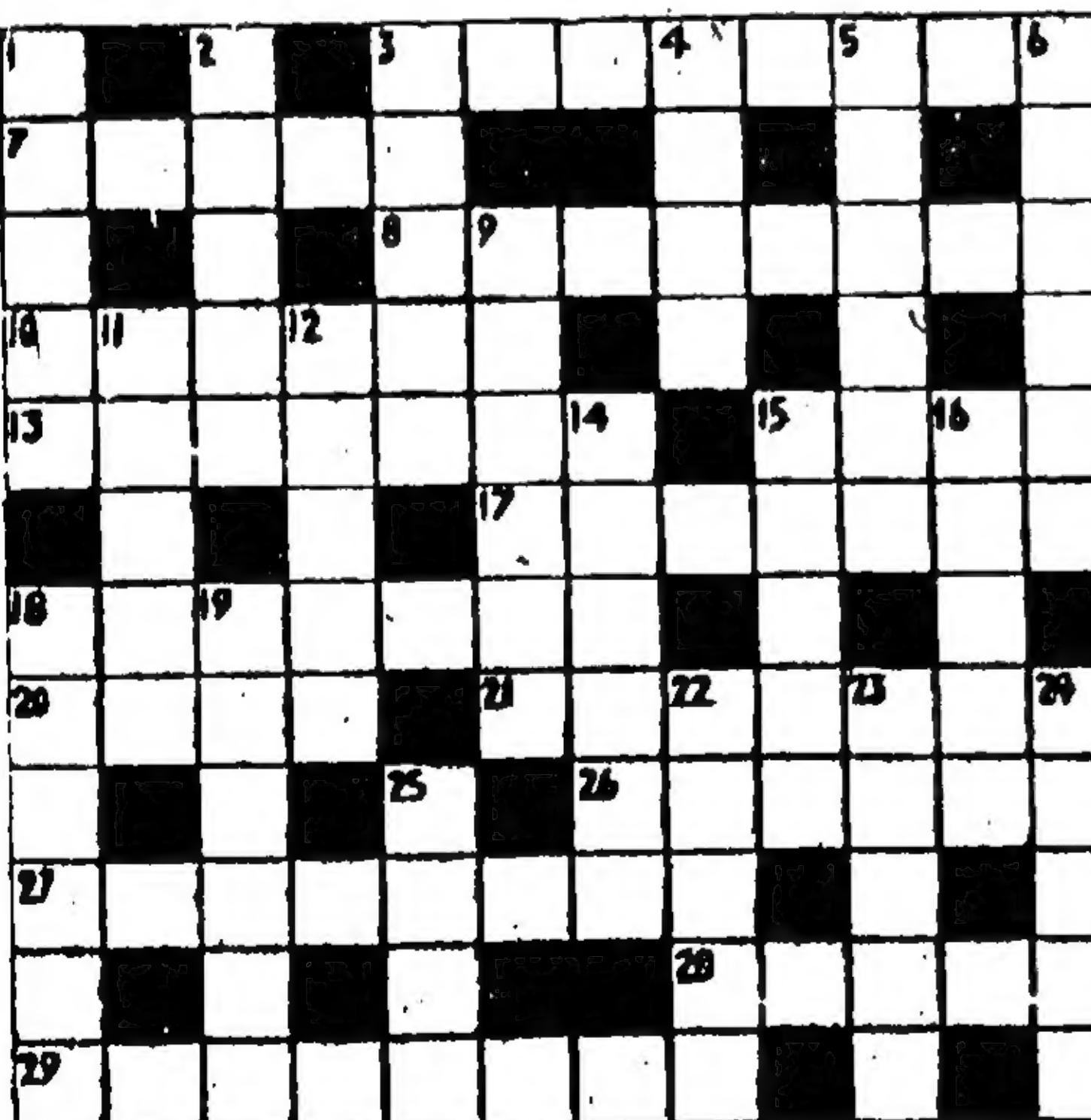
In Scotland the snow was up to six inches deep in places. In Essex two inches, and the snow belt stretched as far south as the East Sussex Coast.—China Mail Special.

Gift To Pope

Paris, Jan. 4.

Prisoners in the Central Prison of Melun, near Paris, today sent a message of thanks and the gift of a hand-bound prayer book to Pope John XXIII, after a special mass celebrated in the prison chapel.—France-Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Offensive missiles for grandees (6).
- 2 In spite of his name, only a minor actor (6).
- 3 Value (6).
- 4 Guide straightforwardly (6).
- 5 Day (7).
- 6 Snakes (4).
- 7 Contest for massurers (7).
- 8 Animal catcher (7).
- 9 The coat of living somewhere? (4).
- 10 Fan (7).
- 11 Tucking in (6).
- 12 Dogs and cat-chaps (6).
- 13 Maps for Greta (6).
- 14 Does a hinging job (6).

DOWN

- 1 Remark showing different ideas (6).
- 2 Not together any more (6).
- 3 Darling heroine (6).
- 4 They never agree (4).
- 5 State of idleness (6).
- 6 Accent (6).
- 7 Gazed fixedly (6).
- 8 Harden (6).
- 9 What Zina, for example, is liable to do (6).
- 10 One might find a ladle in it (6).
- 11 Father who may have many brothers (6).
- 12 Arrange, as feathers (6).
- 13 Tramples on the stairs (6).
- 14 Positive poles (6).
- 15 Ominous vessels (6).
- 16 Famous Athenian (6).
- 17 Encouraged a hand (6).
- 18 Language in Jersey (6).

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Forget the Sputniks, these men are on to something bigger

BRITISH scientists at Jodrell Bank, Cheshire, can now concentrate on work which makes Sputnik-tracking trivial by comparison.

For in front of these men dangles a golden carrot: the prospect of solving the enigma of the Universe. How did it begin? Is it expanding? How rapidly? What does happen on the edge of reality, where it drifts off into "just nothing"?

Heroes

These are the men who 20 years ago would have been listed as "mad" but today are hailed almost as national heroes. They work in the quiet fields of Cheshire. Above them tower the world's largest radio telescope, a huge 250-ft. dish, floating in a valley, surrounded by a tall, way track.

ROUND-UP

DEHYDRATED CHOPS

THE Royal Naval Supply School at Chatham, Kent, where 200 naval cooks are trained, is trying out dehydrated pork chops. The dehydrated food, which is not yet on sale to the public, is prepared at the Ministry of Agriculture's Experimental Station at Aberdeen. We had a dehydrated experimental meal recently, first for V.I.P.s from the Admiralty and the Ministry and then for the rest of the staff. I would defy anybody to tell it was not fresh. It was excellent. The pork chops, and steaks, pork chops, cabbage and peas. The pork chops are feather-weight when dried. They are soaked in water for a few minutes and become exactly like the real thing. I believe this will be the food of the future. It is a vast improvement on the wartime type of dried food, like dried potato. It saves an enormous amount of space and weight in a ship, as well as refrigeration, and the nutritional value is far superior to the canned stuff.

CHANGE OF MIND

THE Air League of the British Empire have announced that in view of the overwhelming opposition expressed from all sides of the aviation world to the proposed design of the R.34 memorial at London Airport, sponsored by the League, the Council of the League have decided not to go ahead with the project. The proposed memorial—described by critics as a "pterodactyl on stilts"—is that of a two-headed bird with wings spread. It stands on two spiky legs with an unexplained bulge in its middle. Group Captain Douglas Bader, one of the critics, said it reminded him of a "pregnant praying mantis." Lord Brabazon, the pioneer aviator, called the design a "disgusting haddock." "Frightening and horrible," said Lord Waleran in the House of Lords. The Air League may now seek designs from other sculptors. In defence of their first approval of the rejected design they say it had the approval of the Royal Fine Art Commission.

PARABLE OF TALENTS

PARABLE of the talents, told in the New Testament, has been put into action by 34 parishioners at Aldborough, Suffolk, to raise money for St Edmunds Cathedral. Each began with a "capital" of £1 and promised to increase it. The result—a total of £374. A woman raised £10.10s. by making coconut ice and selling it at 4d a quarter. A man acted as a caddy at week-ends. Another woman made £22 by organising bridge parties.

WINS TRIP

MISS M. M. Patten, 26, of Dulwich, South-east London, who is a student of philosophy, has won a free trip to Victoria, Australia, under the British Memorial Fellowship. The award, valued at £1,250. The Fellowships were established after the war by the citizens of Victoria for "saving civilisation in the Second World War." Each year three or four British graduates and other young people go to Victoria for a year, with all expenses paid.

BROOCH ON SHOW

ONE of the Queen's exhibits at "The Ageless Diamond" exhibition at Christie's, London, this month will be a brooch containing two parts of the famed Cullinan diamond. The largest diamond ever found. This is the first time this item jewellery will be on display to the public. The exhibition, which will be the most valuable collection of diamonds ever brought together under one roof. It will be open from January 10 to January 28. Three other exhibits of the Queen's personal jewellery are Queen Alexandra's tiara, the 21 South African diamonds given to the Queen by the Union on her 21st birthday, and the Williamson Pink diamond.

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Will 1959 be Mountbatten's year?



WHILE the picked chassis of the Christmas turkey made its final appearance in Britain's small homes last month, a handsome, dark-jowled man was sitting down to luncheon.

Around him, on grand pianos and against yard-high Wedgwood vases, the greetings cards still stood in ranks. Merry Christmas, Happy New Year. From Presidents, from royalty, came the wishes which humbler folk also exchange. But to that one man the seasonal wishes brought a special message. He was telling himself: "This is going to be the happiest New Year of all." For that man was Earl Mountbatten. And 1959, he is certain, is going to be his year. The year when he at last takes over from Sir William Dickson, first and stop-gap holder of the new post, as Supremo of Britain's Navy, Army, and Air Force.

Earl Mountbatten has good reason to be certain.

A lesser man might look forward anxiously to 1959. There could be a General Election, a change of Government.

A lesser man might ask: "Would the new fellows give me the job?"

But not Earl Mountbatten. He does not worry about the chances of politics. He knows the odds too well.

Close ally

Already the Tory Minister of Defence, Mr. Duncan Sandys, is Mountbatten's close ally.

And the Socialists? Well, note the figure who is seen frequently in chummy chat with the earl. It is the Suffolk lorry-driver's son, Mr. George Brown, Socialist Shadow Defence Minister.

Do not blame Mr. Brown's friend for supposing that, whoever loses the next General Election, the Mountbatten party is going to win.

So what a lovely prospect 1959 offers him.

Already Lord Mountbatten has had some honours. He is a K.C., P.C., G.C.S.I., G.C.V.O., K.C.B., and D.S.O. He has the Order of the Seraphim of Sweden, and the Order of White Elephant of Siam. Fifteen other foreign orders I omit for space.

His decision

But, for power and glory, none of those honours can equal the post which now awaits Mountbatten. For the job of Supremo is something quite new. It gives powers which no single man in Britain has ever held in peace time since the time of Alfred the Great.

The Supremo will be the man with his finger on the button. His will be effectively the final decision on missiles, on bombers, on strategy by air, sea, and land.

In an age when a small miscalculation in the choice of a single weapon could mean the death of a nation, on that one man's shoulders will fall the responsibility for the lives of all our Servicemen and all our civilians too.

That is a vast burden for one man. Too vast, some would say.

Yet even if it is necessary for one man to carry the burden, is it right that the one man should be Earl Mountbatten?

Well, let us examine his qualifications for the job.

The first occasion, when Lord Mountbatten had many thousands of lives committed to his

by PERCY HOWARD

care was more than 10 years ago. For Britain's defensive war was beginning to end. Under Admiral Mountbatten a massive raid was planned against Dieppe.

Field-Marshal Montgomery has since described how disastrously those plans were carried out.

In his memoirs he has explained how the date for the raid was repeatedly postponed because of bad weather; how the troops having been fully briefed and "sailed" in their ships were then disembarked and returned to their camps.

The blame?

Montgomery writes: "It was reasonable to expect that it was now a common subject of conversation in billets and pubs in the South of England... I considered the operation was cancelled, and I turned my attention to other matters."

But the operation was not cancelled. Although the Germans had every chance to learn what was coming, the raid went ahead. In August, on the cliffs and gromenades of Dieppe, the Canadians suffered appallingly.

Who was to blame?

First, Field-Marshal Montgomery blames the poor co-ordination behind the raid. The man who was doing the co-ordinating was Admiral Mountbatten.

Then Montgomery blames the decision to go ahead with the raid when secrecy no longer existed. That decision was made by Admiral Mountbatten.

Almost every section of Montgomery's book has provoked a different conclusion. But not the section on Dieppe. The truth of the verdict on Mountbatten goes without question.

Significant

Now let us move forward to another August, five years later.

Mountbatten was now Viceroy of India. Already the British Government had decided on independence and partition for "the sub-continent." The responsibility for that decision did not lie with Mountbatten.

Yet two decisions, above all, were left effectively to him—and both, reflected significantly on his judgment as a military commander.

The first decision involved the timing—of partition. The

second involved the military preparations needed to ensure that it went smoothly.

There were voices which advised that the moment should come in India's winter when positions were not at fever heat. Others said that greater reserves of troops were needed to stop communal bloodshed.

Mountbatten decided against such advice. On his initiative partition took place at midnight on August 14, 1947.

The result was that within six weeks the sub-continent witnessed more bloodshed than it had seen during two centuries of British rule.

For six weeks the knives and axes were busy night and day. As a lightly-defended train full of refugees rattled slowly through West Punjab a screaming mass descended on it.

After a few hours 1,300 men, women, and children were lying dead in the smashed carriages.

In town, after town the horror was repeated.

Highest post

In these few hot days, as Sir Winston Churchill has estimated, the people of India and Pakistan suffered half a million casualties. Compare with that the total figure of 412,000 dead suffered by Britain, the Dominions, and the Colonies in the five years of the Second World War.

Who was to blame? It is difficult to avoid the conclusion of the Pakistan Minister who said that "part of the blame, almost the whole blame," would fall on Viceroy, Mountbatten.

What achievements has Mountbatten to his credit since then?

In April 1955, he reached the highest post the Navy can offer. He became First Sea Lord.

It was a crucial moment for the Royal Navy. The submarine race was on. Russia was bringing her submarine fleet up to the massive total of more than 450 craft. America was developing Nautilus. But Britain was also planning an atomic submarine.

How has Mountbatten done in that urgent race? How far has he hustled the Navy ahead into the atomic age?

The answer is that after his four years in charge, Dreadnought, our atomic submarine,

is still with the designers. And at the Admiralty, it is being said that he will go down in history not as the man who brought atom power to the fleet but as the First Sea Lord who made the Navy wear white cap tops all the year round.

Why then is it so certain that he will go on to become Britain's Defence Supremo?

His detractors might suggest that the push and prestige which he has inherited from the royal Batterbongs has propelled him inevitably upwards. But that cannot be the whole story.

Admirers point to his wide-ranging talents and interests; to his capacity for inspiring enthusiasm; to the schemes, such as Mulberry Harbour, which he had helped to sponsor (though they are silent about his wartime scheme for smacking aircraft carriers out of wood-shavings and ice).

Judgment...

But there is one quality which even Mountbatten's admirers have rarely claimed that he possesses in any measure—a quality which is all-important when the lives of millions could hang on a single decision. That quality is judgment.

Can we afford a Supremo without that essential quality? I do not believe we can.

1959 might be a happy year for Earl Mountbatten. If he is given the post, but it could be a much happier year for Britain if the Government had had the courage to pass him over.

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Too Few Men For Latin Lovelies

By HENRY THODY

THOUSANDS of shapely, dark-haired, volcanic Italian beauties have a nightmarish problem: How to find a husband.

Latin lovelies these days wake up weeping. They know that the odds are they will end up old maids.

In many parts of Italy the female population outnumber the male by three to one.

There are just not enough men to go round, to provide husbands for all.

To help solve the problem, find-a-husband clubs are springing up all over Italy. They are run by fathers of unmarried girls.

The clubs are called "Pink Bow Clubs" because in Italy a pink-ribbon bow pinned on the front door indicates a wedding has been arranged.

A legally-registered Pink Bows Association already has fifty independent clubs—and the number is increasing weekly.

Most have a membership of about a hundred fathers, often with two or three unmarried daughters each.

The fathers wear a rosette on their lapel, the club insignia.

The badge of the daughters is a forlorn wallflower look.

The original club—in the country town of Rivarolo North Italy—arranges weekly dances for unmarried girls only. Single men are transported in from nearby industrial towns.

The club averages one marriage per dance.

Latest club formed is in the small village of La Casa, near Turin. Club-president, farmer

Giuseppe Bussone, is having difficulty "placing" his twenty-seven-year-old daughter Carolina.

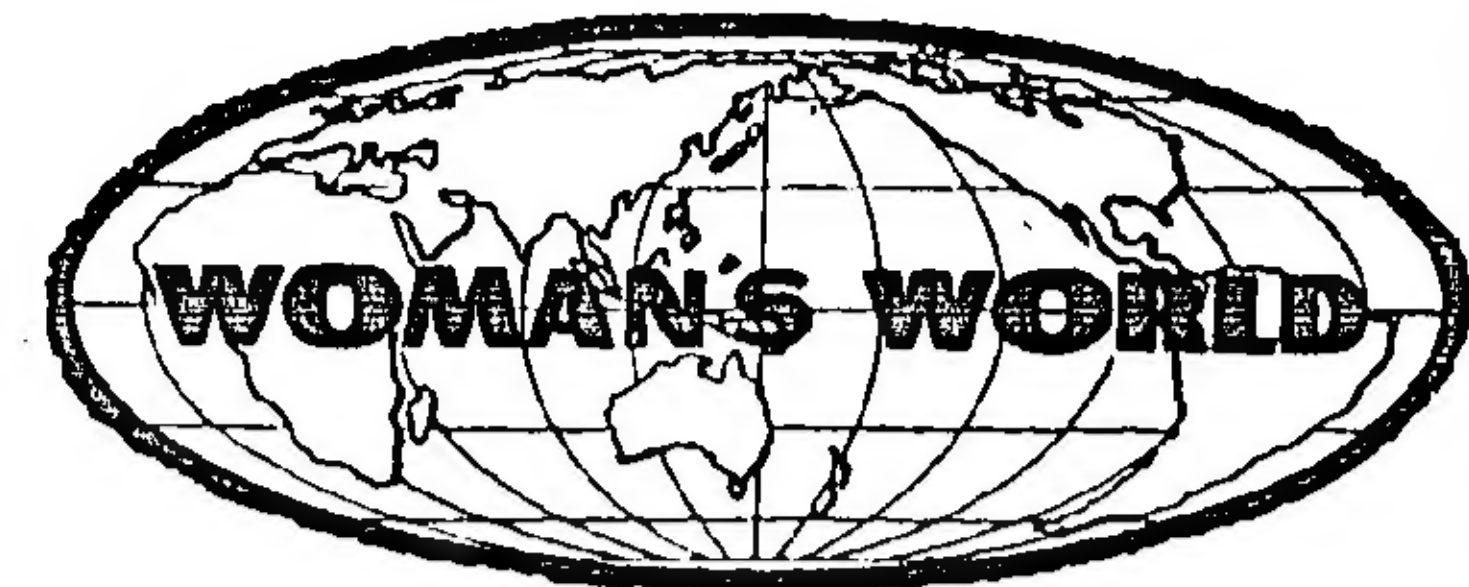
Giovanni Rollo, a clerk with three single daughters, and schoolteacher Signor Bonino, father of two single girls, are founder-members.

La Casa fathers believe in advertising: "La Casa girls make wonderful wives—and the best mothers in Italy!" is their slogan.

Despondent footnotes: Some Italian fathers who fear the worst are supporting a bill to make mature bachelors pay tax to provide a pension scheme for girls who cannot find husbands.

WOMANSENSE

MEN FOR HIRE!



IT TAKES HOT JAZZ TO WARM SOME KEYBOARDS

New York. THE Chicago-born concert pianist, Rosalyn Tureck, famous throughout the classical music world for her interpretations of Bach, laughingly explained that in many auditoriums, where even heat is a problem, the ivory keyboard sometimes feels like an 88-compartment ice cube tray. This cold affects a pianist's skill.

"Therefore—hot-water bottles work."

"This amuses the audience, but it is useful," she said.

A brunette at 44, she has established such a big reputation as a pianist that I expected to be talking with a temperamental type.

Instead I found a woman who discusses rock 'n' roll with

authority, practices Yoga for relaxation, collects ancient musical instruments as a hobby, and also makes long wool mittens to keep her fingers and wrists warm and flexible before concerts.

She also owns a miniature dachshund named "Billy Budd," after the hero of a Benjamin Britten opera. Billy used to be permitted backstage, until she plume once excited him and he joined the orchestra in an off-key howl.

Rosalyn Tureck was a child prodigy who grew into a mature musician praised by the critics. Her concerts in the United States and abroad are sell-outs, and this season alone she will travel three continents and 30,000 miles.

By Gay Pauley

JACOBY on BRIDGE

MY good friend Morris Gouger of Corpus Christi writes: "Here is a slam hand that is both lucky and unlucky. Lucky because I made it; unlucky because I could not spread it the moment diamond hit the table."

North's bidding is very interesting. He had a normal sound no-trump bid, but realized that his hand had to be particularly strong in support of spades. Hence, he used Blackwood to check for aces, and continued with five no-trump to tell Mr. Gouger that he was interested in a grand slam.

Despite the fact that he held gold trumps and all the aces and kings, Morris could only

NORTH (D)		EAST	
♠ 10 8 5	♦ A 7 5	♠ 7 3	♦ Q J 9 6 5
♥ A 8 7	♣ A 7 5	♥ Q J 9 6 5	♣ Q J 9 6 5
♠ 4 3 2	♦ Q J 10 9 8	♠ 10 4	♦ A 7 5
♥ A 8 7	♣ A 7 5	♥ Q J 9 6 5	♣ Q J 9 6 5
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Opening lead: ♠ Q

♥ CARD GAME

Q—The bidding has been: West North East South 1 ♠ Double 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Double 1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Double 1 ♠ Pass

You, South, hold: ♠ 5 3 ♦ 10 6 5 ♣ Q J 10 8 6

What do you lead?

A—A trump. You want to kill the enemy's ruffing power right off the bat.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding has been: North East South West 1 ♠ 1 ♥ 1 ♠ 1 ♥

You, South, hold: ♠ K J 10 8 6 ♥ 3 2 ♦ 9 7 5 ♠ 10 7 3

What do you do?

Answer tomorrow

YOUR BIRTHDAY ...By STELLA

MONDAY, JANUARY 5

BORN today, you are one of those who have a tremendous store of vital energy and you are exceptionally active and energetic. You are always busy doing something. Whether or not it is anything important, it is up to your powers of selection. If, as a child, you have not been properly disciplined and trained in some definite talent or skill, you might as an adult, consider your energies so widely that they will lose much of their effectiveness. Direct your activities into some constructive channel, and you can become an outstanding personality.

You have real talent for leadership, for teaching and for diplomacy. Since you are highly adaptable, you manage to fit into almost any job offered you. Don't be so adaptable that you are pushed into routine work and quite forgotten when executive promotions come up at the office. You will be greatly liked by all those with whom you come in contact and will exert an

important influence within your own circle. You have an original and inventive mind which may easily be a little ahead of your own era. Consequently, you will have to wait for the full recognition which is rightly yours. You have a deep desire to seek out the truth, wherever it is to be found. Your loyalties are strong. An early marriage and a large family of your own will bring you great happiness. You enjoy most of all the social life which is centered around your own home.

Among those born on this date are: Christopher Lee, actor; architect John Calverley; George Innes, Jr., artist; Zebulon H. Pike, explorer after whom Pike's Peak was named; Francisco Suarez, Spanish theologian and philosopher.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)—Legal matters may have been pending can be taken care of now. Get a settlement.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you have been arguing with a close friend, attempt to settle all your differences.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Friendship affairs are well-favored now, so make the best of any opportunity.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Attend to important business affairs at this time. Be careful of all details.

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 21)—Pay no attention to a rumor. It probably isn't true, anyway, and can't possibly affect you.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—It isn't easy to keep any secret today. Someone will be trying to find out what you know.

CANCER (June 22-July 22)—A person whom you meet today could become a powerful influence in your life. Make a new friend.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)—You could start out on a journey successfully today. Going to a sunny climate for the winter?

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)—Introduce your new idea to someone. Get the authority to act on it. Get results.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)—Everything will be successful and pleasant on the domestic scene today. Enjoy life.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 22)—This is likely to be your best day of the week, so get some effective work done.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If invited to join a fraternal organization, accept. You will enjoy the group.

London. WHAT do you do when a very special invitation arrives requiring a male escort and there's no man to hand?

The answer is simple. Like most other things these days, you hire him. Tall, short, grey-haired, blond or dark, you can lease him from a London male escort bureau for six guineas for the night.

Don't think you win him outright! I discovered when I went along to try out this male-hire service that all sorts of regulations surround your evening's prize.

Public School I DECIDED to do a theatre, I rounded off with a quiet supper and a little dancing. My choice was a 5ft. 10in., dark-haired, 28 years old, qualified architect, public school education, guaranteed a good dancer.

After paying my booking fee and discovering that Brian was free for the evening I wanted, we had an official introduction in the bureau and discussed our arrangements.

He had already provided three references of good character. Poor Brian! Most of the theatres he'd seen at least three times apiece. But we managed at last to find one he hadn't seen and a restaurant he'd never visited.

Anxious to make a good impression on my immaculately

dinner-jacketed, red-carnationed escort, I was ready to be collected on the dot of 7.30.

For the information of other males who come over late arrivals of girl friends I must record that he was 10 minutes late!

We had a quick drink and off to the theatre. On the way I handed him a sealed envelope containing our celebration money.

It was his job to settle all bills, keep an account and give me back the change at the end of the evening.

His responsibility, too, to keep our ordering within my money limits.

My instructions beforehand were no flirting and not to tell him to keep the change. But I was allowed to buy him a cigar.

His instructions were not to let me get too gay, drink or spend too much, to collect me and see me safely home.

Efficient WITH our rules and regulations clear, we started off for a remarkably good evening.

Three Newcomers Lead In The Fashion Stake

THE women who set the fashion pace are deserting the haute couture houses in the square mile around Berkeley Square. A crop of new designers is stealing the custom that the couturiers have always regarded as their personal right.

These newcomers have three gimmicks: livelier designs, bet-

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HAVE CONFIDENCE

The third newcomer to the high-fashion scene, a young man with a great future, is Graham Smith, a Royal College of Art student who designs hats.

Graham's line of millinery is not for the timid woman. He makes the kind of hats that can only be described as "ugly-smart." They are severe, uncompromising in their line—but immensely chic if you have the confidence to wear them.

Typical of his designs is a deep-crowned hat of linen straw with a big, upcurving brim. Kinder to the wearer, but nonetheless severe in design is his pill-box hat of finely pleated white net, tied with a bow in the centre.

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Referee Turns Nelson's Eye To Season's Most Blatant Penalty

By I. M. MACTAVISH

This result was a complete and utter miscarriage of soccer justice.

As a result of it South China collected two points which they very definitely neither earned nor deserved, while Tung Wah were robbed of a victory which by every rule of fair play should have been theirs.

Sixteen thousand fans saw South China 'win' by two goals to one . . . but it is doubtful if a single one of them—excepting maybe the blindest partisans—agreed that it was a just result.

If the conversations which were heard on every side as the crowd filed out of the Hongkong Stadium were a reliable pointer to feelings on the matter then let us say only that the fans were indignant and bitter at what they had seen.

Let me recapitulate several points which I hope will explain why the result was so badly received by the crowd. Particularly by those fans who watched the fray through binoculars.

Midway through the second half Tung Wah, who were building on to a solitary goal lead, launched a strong attack on the South China defence lines. Some delightful inter-passing carried them into the penalty area and, as the Chinese rear lines crumbled, a goal seemed inevitable.

The ball was slipped back to Ho Yung-fun who had been the architect of the whole move. He meandered towards the six yards line but, just as he was about to shoot, the ball was

partly cleared and the defence advanced quickly leaving at least two South China players in what looked to be blatantly offside positions. A Tung Wah defender misplaced his pass and the ball was lobbed back over his head into the penalty area. A real scramble ensued. It finished with Yiu Cheuk-yin putting the ball into the net from what looked to everyone, except the field officials, to be an offside position. It cannot be argued that the ball was last played by an opponent for before it reached Yiu Cheuk-yin it was very clearly played by two of his colleagues.

One of the surprises was the ease with which Tam Kam-moon on the right wing could slip through the South China defence of Ho Chi-kwan and Kwok Kam-hung. This was easily his best game in a long time.

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THE CONTROVERSIAL GOAL: Yiu Cheuk-yin (No. 8) the South China inside-left, is seen here sending the ball past Tung Wah right-half Wong Chi-kwong (white shirt) and goalkeeper Wong Siu-woo to score his side's controversial first goal. Many were of the opinion that Yiu was in an off-side position when he received the ball. — China Mail Photo.

WEEK-END SOFTBALL

Robert Hussain Leads Dodgers To Grand Win Over The Cheyennes

CHAMPION JOEYS NO MATCH FOR BRAVES

By "TIME OUT"

The scoresheet read Dodgers . . . 3, Cheyennes . . . 2. But did the Dodgers deserve this all-important victory? Most certainly not.

It was the magnificent fielding and batting par excellence of lofty right-felder Robert Hussain that saved the day for the Filipinos. Yes, this was the same young man whom I mentioned in my Friday's column who was ejected in the Pakistan-Philippines International tussle two short weeks ago. To Robert, I say . . . Full marks!

The season's 'big game' between the Senior Braves and Saints, played before a capacity crowd, was a flop as the former were sitting on top of the opposition from the moment 'Play Ball' was called.

In the other Senior game the Seminoles, who edged the Junior penant race wide open with his fielding and batting. On top of that he helped to snap the Cheyennes' bid for the record of most consecutive wins (24) held by the Seminoles.

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The Cheyennes failed to score in the seventh. Joseph Chen drew a walk for the Dodgers. Pitcher Baker Hussain sacrificed Chen to second. Lester Wu singled for Chen to cross the plate. The Dodgers' fans went wild. A neat bunt put Junior Dista first and Wu at third. Dista then strode up to the plate looking extremely tense. With a one-in-one count he slashed one of Vienna's pitches over third for the winning run. For the Cheyennes it was all over but for the Dodgers this was just the beginning in their quest for their third Junior penant.

Garcia walked and advanced to second on an error by Junior Dista who juggled Azevedo's grounder. A wild pitch saw Garcia and Azevedo settling at third and second respectively.

At this stage it looked as if it was all over for the Dodgers but the Cheyennes were in for a surprise. Luiz Silva sent a fly to right field which was caught by Robert Hussain and a quick relay nabbed Garcia, who was making home, snatched off the plate for the Dodgers' third twin kill of the game.

Shortstop Wu fumbled Xavier's easy grounder to allow Azevedo to score and the Dodgers looked black for the Dodgers' once again. The Indians pushed on with a single to right field by Chaves.

Xavier tried to stretch third but Hussain once again pegged brilliantly for Bert Dista to tag Xavier for the third out. The Filipinos started the ball rolling at their turn at bat. Hussain singled, made second on a grounder by Ozorio and settled at third when Bert Dista's grounder was fumbled. In an attempt to catch Hussain off third base, catcher Vienna threw wild and Hussain dented the plate for the Dodgers' first run.

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YESTERDAY'S HOCKEY

Army "A" And Nav Bharat Held To Drawn Games

By TONY MYATT

Predictions almost went haywire in yesterday's hockey programme at Sookunpoo, where a reasonably large crowd braved a chilly afternoon to witness three exciting matches.

In the first game, Army 'A' who were expected to run rough-shod over IRC 'A' found themselves opposed by a very determined bunch of opponents and there were many present who thought the soldiers were extremely lucky to come off with a one-all draw.

The next game between the Hongkong Hockey Club and Army 'B' also ended in a draw, the final score being two-all. No one could have asked for a fairer result.

There were thrills aplenty in the final game of the afternoon when in very poor light Recreo 'A' after trailing by 2-0 came back strongly to defeat a greatly improved Navy squad by 3-2.

The Navy Bharat 'A'-Macanensis 'A' and Inter played at King's Park ended in a goalless draw.

Army 'A' must still be wondering what hit them. Could be they were counting their chickens before they were hatched? Whatever it was they were playing far below their usual form and it came as no surprise when Wahab Jr., netted for the Indians in the second half to put them in the lead. IRC had been attacking right from the bulky-off and the Army defence were certainly called in to do more than their fair share of the work.

Equalized

That first and last goal by the Indians, however, must certainly have given the soldiers something to think about for within minutes Army inside-left Williams equalized with a shot that had Kadir well beaten.

After the equalizer, the soldiers really got a hold of themselves and the IRC goal was under constant pressure and it was only some brilliant saves by Kadir that saved the Indians.

The HKHC and Army 'B' match was a very evenly contested encounter which saw a few good saves, but for the most part, this game was far below first division standard. There was too much bunched and wild hitting. However, both teams gave of their best and to say the least, this proved to be the most hard fought game of the afternoon.

The Club scored their two goals in the first half through Robinson and Enderby. Army goals came from Scarfe in the first half and from left wing Weavings in the second half.

The Recreo 'A' versus Navy encounter produced some fine hockey with some grand moves by both forward lines.

The Portuguese took the field with only ten men and the ap proved to be quite a handicap. The sailors playing in top form were quick to take control of the proceedings and before Recreo had a chance to get a hold themselves had better twice through their fast moving inside-right Bowyer-Tagg. Almeida scored for Recreo to make it 2-1.

Came The Change

In the second hold Recreo moved around their players. Danny Castro moved to centre forward and George Souza Jr., filled in the vacant gap at left-half. Even this didn't seem to have any effect for once again the sailors scored through Bowyer-Tagg.

Then came the change. Almeida snatched a chance near round two defenders and scored to make it 3-2. Not long afterwards, Castro banged in a half-volley to put Recreo on equal terms. From this point onwards, the Navy goal was under constant pressure and from a short corner Nolasco put the Portuguese ahead 4-2.

Minutes before the end, Castro put Recreo further ahead and to win by the game. Navy's inside-left, Chad-

HMS Ceylon Beat RE At Cricket

HMS Ceylon beat RE by three wickets in a Corps cricket match played at Boundary Street yesterday.

Scores were—

H.M.S. CEYLON	RE
Single, c and b Heins . . . 22	Heins 4-37, Edwards (Spr) 9-24; Ellis 3-26
Barnett, lbw Ellis . . . 23	
Dawson, b Ellis . . . 0	
Frid, c Gregory, b Heins . . . 14	
Pulvertaft, lbw Ellis . . . 7	
May, not out . . . 18	
Scop, b Heins . . . 1	
Haggood, b Heins . . . 3	
Urban, not out . . . 3	
Extra . . . 12	
Total (for 7 wickets) . . . 101	

Bowling

Heins 4-37, Edwards (Spr) 9-24; Ellis 3-26	R.E.
Hillingworth, c Ash, b May . . . 8	
Ellis, b May . . . 19	
Heins, c Ash, b Urban . . . 2	
Edwards (Spr), b Urban . . . 4	
Gregory, c Scop, b May . . . 0	
Manning, retired . . . 29	
Edwards (WO 1), c Frid . . . 10	
Morrison, c Ash, b May . . . 3	
Clenshaw, c Ash, b May . . . 8	
Blake, not out . . . 0	
Extra . . . 4	
Total (for 10 wickets) . . . 97	

Bowling May 6-30; Urban 2-19; Barnett 0-41; Frid 0-3.

Sports Diary

TODAY
HKFA Management Committee Meeting, Sports Field, 5.30 p.m.
Cross Country Race
Entries Close for Cross Country Race
TO-MORROW
1st Division: Kwong Wah v Police (SS) 5.30 p.m.

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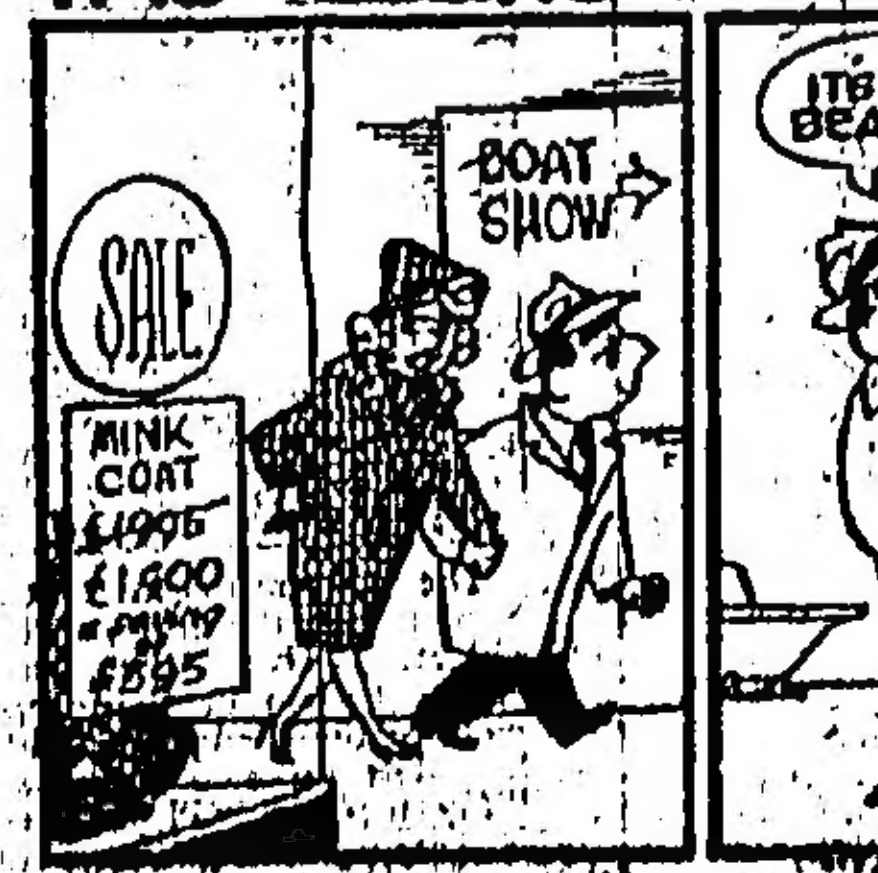
THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 7th Race Meeting 1958/59 to be held on Saturday 17th and Saturday 31st January, 1959 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House; Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 5th January, 1959.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
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THE GAMBOLES



By Barry Appleby



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14 Men No Handicap To Army North

FORGE AHEAD IN COLONY HEXANGULAR RUGBY WITH 9-3 WIN OVER NAVY

By PAK LO

Playing throughout with only 14 men Army North still managed to add another two points to their total in their Hexangular match with the Navy on Saturday when after a hard fought battle they emerged the victors by nine points (one try, two penalty goals) to three (one penalty goal).

In the opening match of the afternoon at Causeway Bay the Club stood up well to the Police forward attack and getting their three going, won by nine points (two tries, one penalty goal) to nil.

On the other side of the barbour the RAF were a little unlucky to have to share the honours with Army South when they drew 3-3 (one try each) in a rather scrappy game, despite attempts by both sides to open up the game.

In the minor match of the afternoon (Club 'B' v. Police) the Club were again the victors, winning 12-3 (three tries, one penalty goal) to three (one try).

Club v. Police

The Police once again in the game relied on their forwards to do the scoring, but against the strong Club defence they could not break through.

The Police three did not see very much of the ball, and when they did they were slow off the mark, almost of them taking their passes standing still.

Johnston at fly-half was good in defence and his touch-kicking saved the day quite a few times in the first half. His partner Rickett played his usual game and spent most of his time running back into his forwards, and should have been penalised for it, but was lucky.

Surprising

From beginning to end the Club three looked more dangerous, but they kept opening and closing up the game to the surprise of the spectators and their supporters. At one point five yards from the Police line, won scrum after scrum, and kept trying to go through the Police pack, with their three lying waiting for a pass in vain.

McTavish was good in the centre but in the second half tried too often to go through on his own.

The Club three moved and passed well in direct comparison to the Police three whose passing was indecipherable.

Among the forwards Cunningham proved superior in the scrums, while Ross and Shelley shone in the lineouts, with Miller and Newbigging providing the strongest opposition.

Trickled

In the loose the Club back line was much superior, with Penman easily the best.

Despite some strong attacks by both teams it was not until just before half-time that the Police were penalised on their own 25 for not putting the ball in straight, and Newbigging kicked from well out. The ball literally trickled, and no more, over the crossbar, 3-0.

In the second half a perfect three move from the Police 25 saw Browne cross in the corner. No conversion, 6-0.

Just before time, after their long session on the Police five yard line the Club back heeled again, held it, wheeled, and Steven got to it and touched down. No conversion, 9-0.

Navy v. Army North

A really wonderful game to watch thanks to two Navy players who deserve all praise for their wonderful play.

Hollick in the forwards, working on his own had Wynn and Muntz completely baffled. He used every one of their little tricks and a few they had not met before, and they were not the power in the land they have been for so long. Into the bargain Hollick was so obviously enjoying himself that the crowd cheered him time and again.

The other player to stand out was Watson, who as fly-half opened up the game to

ICE-HOCKEY WIN FOR RUSSIANS

Hilbink, Jan. 4.
The touring Soviet Union amateur ice-hockey team beat the United States nationals 7-1 here today.

The teams played a 5-5 draw in their first game in New York last week—Routier.

Farewell To KCC Shuttlers



The badminton section of the Kowloon Cricket Club held a farewell dinner and presentation at the Clubhouse for their Convenor K. W. Hunter (6th from left in back row) and Mrs Hunter (5th from left in front row), former Hampshire and Somerset County Players, who are shortly leaving the Colony for UK. Photo shows all those who attended the function.

Lucky Try

Then on the Army 25 a kick ahead was marked, and the five kick hit a Navy player and stayed in play and Wynn following up fast dribbled it on for half the length of the pitch to finally score well out.

This was a lucky try in the sense that the dribbling was more of the order of back shed, and each time the ball bounced nicely for Wynn. No conversion, 3-0.

Minutes later another Army back at a loose ball took play to the Navy 25 where the Navy were penalised and Bede-Cox converted, 6-0.

RAF v. Army South

The Army had the advantage in the forwards with their heavier pack, but their three though they did their best knocked on all too often.

The armmen on the other hand always looked the more dangerous and had Poyner not been too fast, a most unusual complaint for a wing-three the armmen would have won. As it was, Poyner, a newcomer to

the game and a hard triler, ran so hard that he outpaced his own inside-man and forced the latter to pass forward time and again.

Could not hit it off

The Army forwards with Mander again to the fore were the better lot in the loose, but their three and halves just could not hit it off.

Both tries were scored by forwards with Stear changing and barging his way through to make the touchdown well out. Mander scored the other, when he got possession of the ball on the RAF 25 after the armmen had held the ball in the second row and hacked it out past their own scrum-half. Mander then went through to score in the corner.

The armmen also missed two fairly reasonable penalties, and overall deserved more than one point from this game.

Club 'B' v. RAMC

This Club side is hopeless from a commentator's point of view. One week they can do nothing right, and the next they can do nothing wrong.

They were in complete command of this game with possession of the ball 90 per cent of the time. Their three moved well, and were backed up by their forwards.

The RAMC were staggered by losing three points in the first ten seconds and never settled. Their only try came from a loose maul ten yards from their own line. They backed ahead, raced after it, gathered and went the rest of the way to score.

For the Club, D'Eath scored

two tries, one of them from the first forward rush, and Cooke scored the other, while Steward converted a penalty goal.

Hexangular Table

The Hexangular Table now stands as follows:

	P	W	D	L	T	P	P
Army N.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Club	0	4	0	1	0	19	3
Navy	0	2	1	2	0	14	0
RAF	0	1	1	3	12	41	3
Army S.	0	0	2	3	29	50	2
Police	0	1	0	4	19	53	2

CHESS NEWS

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London Express Service.

Benaud Replies To 'Throwing' Charges Against Ian Meckiff

Melbourne, Jan. 4.
Richie Benaud, Australia's captain, said here today that he was certain Ian Meckiff's fast bowling conformed with the rules.

Benaud, answering English charges of throwing by Meckiff, said in a statement:

"The Australian team is completely satisfied that Meckiff's action is fair and legitimate. "I, personally, have made a very close study of his bowling from every part of the field and I am absolutely certain his action conforms entirely with the rules formulated by the MCC.

UMPIRES UNFAIR?

"So, apparently, do the umpires in New Zealand, South Africa, and Australia, where he has played all his cricket. "Consequently, these criticisms would appear in effect to suggest that the umpires in each of these three countries are unfair."

Benaud later amended the last paragraph of his statement to read: "Consequently, these criticisms are unfair and incompetent," adding the words "and incompetent."

Jack Rardon, cricket correspondent of the Brisbane Courier Mail, wrote today: "I think Meckiff's action is at times suspect, and so is that of West Australian Keith Slater." (Slater is twelfth man in the current test match).

'SNIPING'

Keith Butler, of the Adelaide Advertiser, said: "Meckiff's action is at times suspect, but so is that of Lock and Loader. "There has been a great deal of indiscriminate 'sniping' . . . of a number of Australian bowlers since the tour began. "Now that he (Meckiff) has wrecked England in the second Test, there has to be a scapegoat" (Meckiff took five wickets for 86 runs for Victoria against the MCC and five for 63 in the first Test).—China Mail Special.

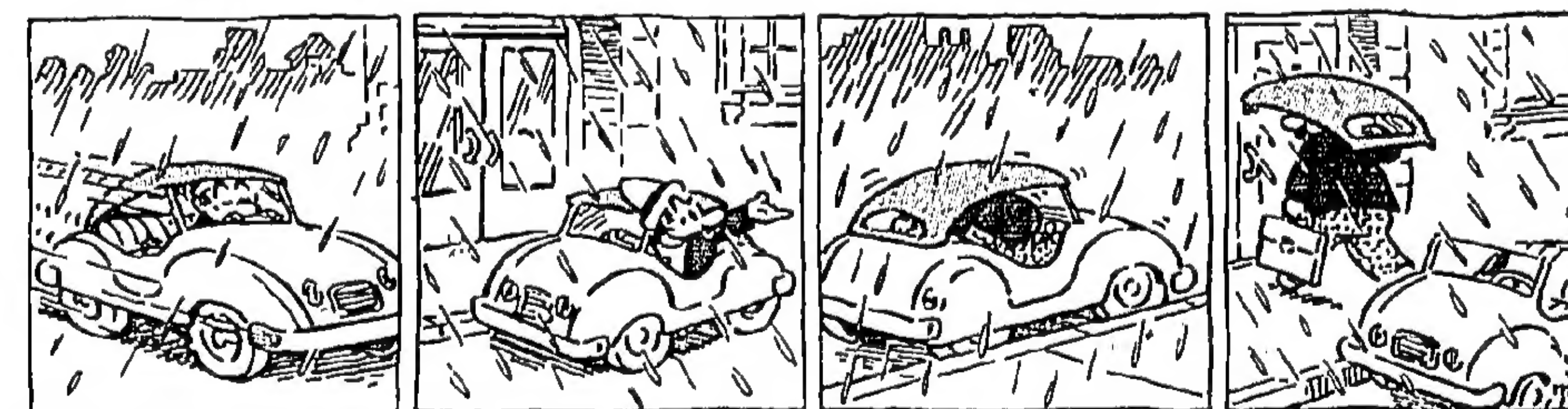
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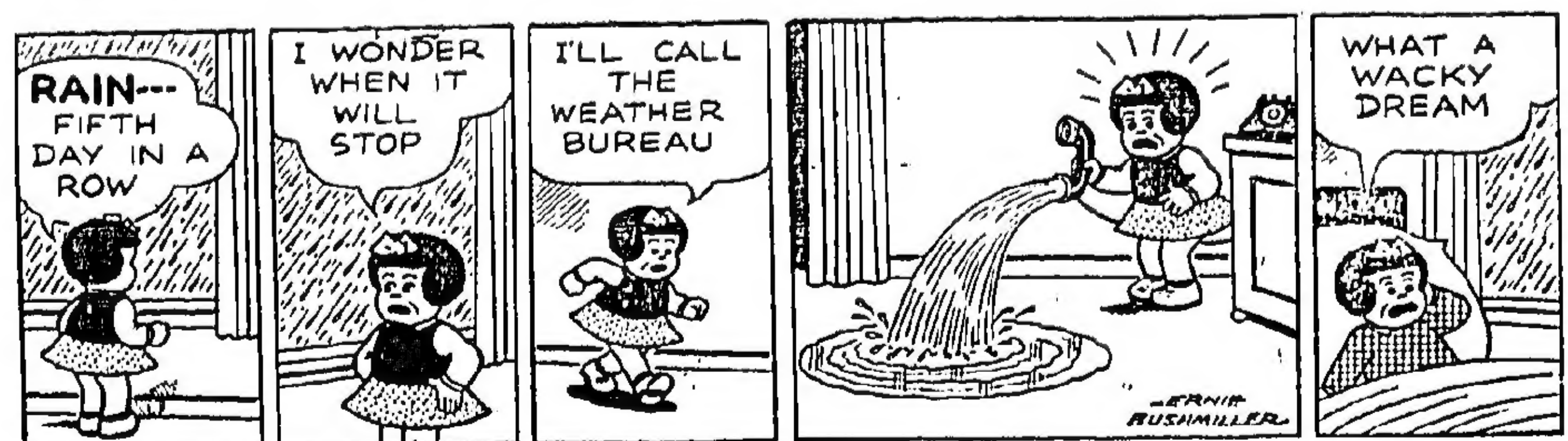
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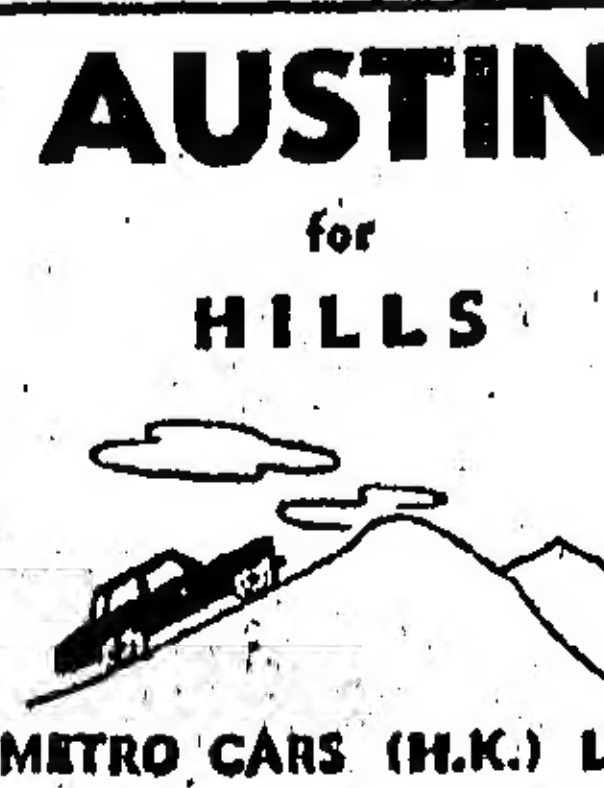
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in power and he and Mr.
Khrushchev are the only two
effective left of the Præsidentium
formed just after Josef
Stalin's death.

Mikoyan, shrewdest and most
able of the Soviet Ministers, has
a knack of backing the winning
team.

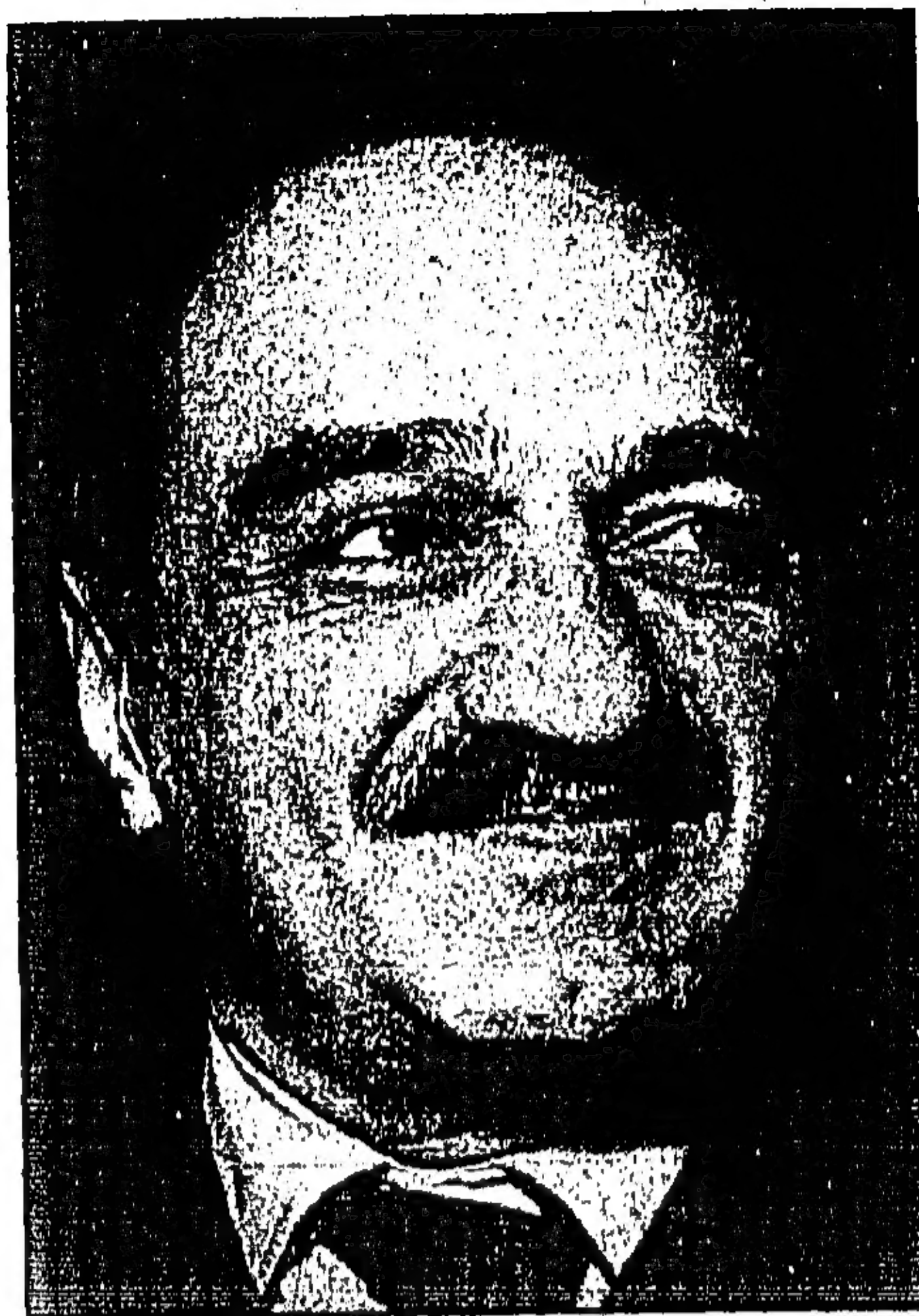
He was one of the top eight
men in Russia under Stalin and
remained in favour under
Malenkov.

But some instinct kept him
from going along too closely
with Malenkov. He stood by
Khrushchev in the struggle
for power and emerged in
1957 as Soviet Deputy
Premier.

There has, however, been an
element of luck in Mikoyan's
success. He was destined to be
"promoted" at the time of
Stalin's death and was only
saved because power passed to
his friend Malenkov.

Anastas Ivanovich Mikoyan
was born 63 years ago in
Armenia, the son of a poor
farmer from outside Tiflis.

Like Stalin, he was intended
for the Church but in 1915 he
forsook the local Seminary to
help form the revolutionary
party. He was then barely 19.



Mr. Mikoyan.

advanced in the new govern-
ment service.

In 1934 he became a member
of the Politburo and was car-
ried by Stalin as the man to
develop both Russia's external
and internal trade.

took control of all ferrous and
non-ferrous metals, and signed
important Anglo-Soviet agree-
ments dealing with British
supplies.

Fell From Favour

In 1947, he began to become
well known outside Russia.
He negotiated the Anglo-
Russian trade agreement with
Harold Wilson, then President
of the Board of Trade, and
began to influence Russian
trading schemes in every part
of the world.

Eventually he fell from
Stalin's favour, but under
Malenkov he was able to put
many of his modern ideas into
practice, including the setting
up of vast self-service stores
in Moscow.

Anastas Mikoyan has twice
retained from Cabinet office
and each time has been the
prize of a higher position. He
was the first man to condemn
Stalin's policies before the
Communist Party Congress.

Now the irrepressible Mikoyan
becomes the highest ranking
Russian Government official
ever to visit the United
States.

He is a short man, with a
hooked nose, a swarthy com-
plexion and black moustache.
He likes drinking and rowing,
prefers beer to vodka, and is a
great family man.

Always immaculately dressed,
he is known as Moscow's
most elegant waiter and the
one Russian leader who is
known for his hands. He is
a great charmer and his
Armenian wife called him
"Babnik," the flatterer.

Though a tough negotiator,
Mikoyan is the gayest of
politicians outside the confer-
ence room.

Since he is an Armenian and
Stalin was a Georgian, he liked
to tell how, when the pair got
together, they would drink a
toast: "To hell with the Rus-
sians."

Family Man

The Americans will probably
like Mikoyan as much as they
like any other Russian leader
in both appearance and
manner.

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toast: "To hell with the Rus-
sians."

By the Way

by Beachcomber

CAPTAIN POULENUGH has
been making a careful
study of post-war credits.
The ethics of the matter
applied to him very strongly as
he is always being
questioned by creditors, and his
creditors are with a Govern-
ment which borrows (directly
or indirectly) from the taxpayers,
pay to interest, and deserves that
to be to be paid back to it.
He also approves of the latest suggestion
that if ever the debt is honoured
before the statutory age is
reached the odds will be on
the creditor to prove that he is
down and out.

Poor old music
Music hath charms to soothe the
savage breast.
It seems to me if savagery is the
best.

With such vast hordes demand-
ing soothing balm,
Music will need a curious kind
of charm.

Gourmet's corner
I READ that, by the ingenuity
of scientists, a substance has
been found which restores the
flavour to foods made flavour-
less by dehydration. The next
step is to find a chemical which
will re-dehydrate food without
destroying the effects of de-
hydration. This might be made
easier by pre-dehydrating the
food before re-dehydrating it. The
deceptively simple device of not
dehydrating food at all is hardly
worth considering today.

An embarrassing visitor
It is not every day that a man
in an Arnhem opens his door
to bring in a bottle of milk and
is confronted by "a monkey
wearing a yellow waistcoat." I
am sorry to disappoint the
psychiatrist, but the beast was
really the boy, having escaped
from its owner, which is more
than can be said of the tiny
Patagonian chartered account-
ant in oinkins who rode a dom-
mouse round the saloon bar in
an Exeter public house on a
Bank Holiday.

Cricket
A GOVERNMENT subsidy for
a cricket is overdue. As the
game becomes dearer and

dearer, fewer people watch it,
and the receipts drop. A sub-
sidy would make it possible to
provide first matches, and so
remove anxiety from those bat-
men who require a day or two to
put themselves in. The matches
could then go on and on, even
if nobody came to watch.

Hoity-toity
A REFERENCE to "unusu-
ally formed refuse collection
officers" appears to me as
an uninformative commissioned
newspaper officer. The refuse
collection officer's job, I take it,
is to collect and deposit in a
articles, fragments or heaps of
abandoned or derelict rubbish or
garbage as may be designated
as refuse.

CROSSWORD

1. Well-built, (10)
2. Archipelago, (8)
3. Egyptian, (4, 5)
4. Ancient Egyptian city, (10)
5. Secondary game, (10-5)
6. Sound, (4)
7. Place of resort, (10)
8. Italian, (4)
9. Unusual, (4) 21. Regret, (10)
10. Part of garment, (10)
11. Bit of a crowd, (10)
12. Boudoir, (4)

13. Tiny insect, (5)
14. Overhauled, (10) 15. Break, (4)
16. The William Shatner one, (4, 5)
17. One, (5)
18. One, (5)
19. One, (5)
20. One, (5)
21. One, (5)
22. One, (5)
23. One, (5)
24. One, (5)
25. One, (5)

PEOPLE
in the newsJohn Osborne Declares
War On The Censor

JOHN OSBORNE, the original Angry Young Man,
is not at all angry just now. For — according to the
latest communique from Osborne himself — he is winning
his latest battle with the censor.

Ex-King
Promoted To
Sergeant

EX-KING Simeon of
Bulgaria, 21, has
entered a Military
Academy in America —
and after only three
weeks' training he has
been nominated "best
cadet," and promoted to
the rank of sergeant.

The young ex-king, who was
exiled from his country when
he was nine — three years after
the death of his father, King
Boris — intends to stay at the
\$250-a-year Valley Forge Acad-
emy for a year.

He hopes to earn into that
time most of the tuition in-
volved in the normal four-year
course.

He is entered in the Academy
under the name of Bylski, which
his father always used when
travelling incognito. But to
his fellow cadets he is already
known simply as "Sim."

All cadets move everywhere
at the double, are not allowed
to look at their plates while
eating, must keep their heads
high at all times, and must
rise at six, making their own
beds and sweeping their
quarters.

Says the ex-king: "It helps
to build character and disci-
pline."

"I want to develop these quali-
ties, I believe that one day
I shall return to my country's
throne."

When off-duty, the royal
sergeant visits the nearby town
of Wayne, where he has a
secretary with the rank of Bul-
garian Army colonel.

Principle

Mr Osborne told why he was
making his stand. "It's the prin-
ciple of the thing. Why censor
odd things and allow the rest?
It's inconsistent."

Osborne will direct his new
show, "The World of Paul
Slattery," which is based on the
daily doings of a London
newspaper columnist. It is due
to be seen in the provinces in
the spring.

This week the Lord Chamber-
lain will receive a revised script
for the musical. "I've made some
improvements — all writers do,"
said Mr Osborne. "It's not be-
cause of the Lord Chamberlain."

Over to Sandbeck Park, York-
shire, estate of the Lord Cham-
berlain, the Earl of Scarborough
(family motto: A Sound Con-
science is a Wall of Brass). Was
he sharpening his pencil for the
final round of the battle?

Said a member of the estate
staff, apologetically: "The earl
doesn't talk about these things."

MAIL NOTICES

The latest times of posting
shown below are those for in-
registered correspondence posted
at 4 P.M. Hong Kong. The latest
posting times elsewhere which
are shown are those for the
G.P.O. times can be ascertained
by enquiry at the local office.

MONDAY, JANUARY 5
India, Pakistan, Egypt, Europe, 8
p.m.
Burma, Japan, 9 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 6
By Air
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 8
By Air
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10
By Air
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 12
By Air
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 14
By Air
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 16
By Air
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 17
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18
By Air
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 19
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 20
By Air
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Lao, 8 a.m.
Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, 9 a.m.
Ceylon, India, Middle East, 9 a.m.
British, New Zealand, Noon.
Australia, 1 p.m.

NEW
FILMS
by
ANTHONY
FULLER

"A ROUND the World in
Eighty Days," must
have missed Hongkong the
first few times round, but
at last it stops here, and
is now playing at the Star
and Metropole.

Far be it for me to favour
one cinema above another, but
as these two cinemas are
grouped, and not in opposition,
the Metropole is the better
cinema to see this film.

The original intention of the
much missed Mike Todd was to
put this film on with his own
process which calls for a giant
screen and a huge cinema.
The luck of the draw sends it
to the Colony's two smallest
first run cinemas.

What can I add to what has
already been said of this
fantastic piece of super-
showmanship?

You know how Mike Todd
enjoyed every star in filmland
to appear in this amazing ex-
ploitation of the globe-trotting David
Niven as Phileas Fogg, the
Jules Verne character.

It piles all the wonders of
the world in your lap; it takes
you everywhere, it shows you
everything from a London bar,
to an old balloon.

Even Hongkong is featured,
but such a Hongkong as never
existed.

Mike Todd was the master of
ballyhoo, and while he was yet
alive, he sent to everyone in the
world connected with the show
business, a circular from which
I now copy. It is easy now to
reap the laurels in which he
sets forth the statistics con-
nected with the film. "Around
the World" holds the records
for the most stars — 48 — ever to
appear in one picture. . . .

Another record for "80 Days"
is the most people photographed
in separate world-wide loca-
tions: 68,894 persons — "all on
the payroll," added Mike
proudly.

"Also for the record, the
Todd production travelled the
most air miles to make a show
— 4,000,000; it used the most
sets — 140 actual locations as
well as the stages of six Holly-
wood studios plus those in
England, Hongkong, and Japan."

So Mike Todd went on and
on, and to see that you did not
forget, he cluttered up your
desk with reminders.

Of course you will see the
film, the greatest show on
earth.

THE QUEEN

— A Fine
American

London.

GUESS who qualifies
as one of the blue-
blooded F.F.V. — First
Families of Virginia.

The Queen.

The magazine "Past and
Present" traced what it called
the Queen's American ancestors
today and found she is linked
also to George Washington and
General Robert E. Lee.

This is how the magazine
doubled back on history:

Augustine Warner I migrated
to Virginia in 1630. He married
Mildred Reed.

Their daughter, also Mildred,
married Lawrence Washington
and was grandmother of the
first President of the United
States.

Warner's sister, Sarah,
married Lawrence Townley and
they were the ancestors of
Robert E. Lee.

Another Warner daughter,
Mary, married John Smith, a
plantation owner.

Their daughter Mildred,
married Robert Porteus, an-
other Virginia planter in 1700.

Five generations later his
descendant Robert Porteus had
another daughter Mildred and
she married Robert Hodgson, an
Englishman.

Their daughter, Frances Dora,
married the 18th Earl of Strath-
more, grandfather of the Queen
Mother.

CHINA MAIL ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

FILMS

KING & PRINCESS: "The
Seventh Voyage of Sinbad,"
starring Kerwin Mathews and
Kathryn Grant.

LEE & ASTOR: "This Happy
Feeling," starring Debbie
Reynolds, Curt Jurgens and
John Saxon.

STAR & METROPOLE: Michael
Todd's "Around the World in
Eighty Days," starring David
Niven, Celia Linde and Robert
Newton.

ROXY & CROWLEY: "The
Remarkable Mr. Pennyfather,"
starring Clifton Webb, Dor-
othy McGuire, Charles Coburn,
Jill St John and Ron Ely.

HOOPER & PARAMOUNT:
"Giant," starring Burt
Taylor, Cyd Charisse and Lee
J. Cobb.

ORIENTAL: "The Barbarian
and the Geisha," starring
John Wayne with Eiko Ando.

MAJESTIC: "Circus Actors," a
Russian film with English
dialogue.

RITZ: "Indiscreet," starring
Gary Grant and Ingrid Berg-
man.

CAPITOL: "Desperado," star-
ring Glenn Ford, and
Randolph Scott.

GRAND: "Kings Go Forth,"
starring Frank Sinatra, Tony
Curtis and Natalie Wood.

NIGHT SPOTS

PRINCE'S CANTIER: "The
Mexican Splendor" rules Bay-
leau. Mexican Ken Littlewood,
Frankie Ferrer, the Dancing
Ballet.

CARLTON HOTEL: Carlo
Francisco & His Combo with
Lila Petre, vocalist.

PARAMOUNT: The Continental
Route with music by Glen-
carlo and his Italian Combo.

RADIO HONGKONG
9 p.m. Test Clock: 400 Music for
700 Time: 430 After the Bell:
830, Monday Requests—Presented.

SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING

CORDLESS SWITCHBOARD BRINGS AUTOMATION TO PRIVATE TELEPHONES

THE first private cordless switchboard in Britain to receive Post Office sanction has gone into operation.

The switchboard controls a private automatic branch exchange, installed at the headquarters of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in London.

In place of the bulky, plug-and-socket switchboards of the past, the new cordless switchboard is a compact, modern unit, which is a complete system, including the switchboard, the telephone, and the power supply.

THE EXCHANGE

The exchange is a new type of switchboard, which is a complete system, including the switchboard, the telephone, and the power supply. It is a compact, modern unit, which is a complete system, including the switchboard, the telephone, and the power supply.

The two operators are seated at a desk, which is a complete system, including the switchboard, the telephone, and the power supply. It is a compact, modern unit, which is a complete system, including the switchboard, the telephone, and the power supply.

When an extension is busy, a ring when the line is free. This device rings the extension when it becomes free, and the operator can then connect the call. It is a compact, modern unit, which is a complete system, including the switchboard, the telephone, and the power supply.

Uniselector For Automatic Systems

A SMALL plug-in uniselector for switch with 36 outlets and measuring 3 1/2 inches by 2 1/2 inches is introduced by a British company for use in automatic systems. Occupying the space of one British Post Office 3000-type relay, this uniselector is designed for builders of electric automatic machines. It weighs 12 ounces complete.

It will operate for two million revolutions without need for readjustment, and has a working life of at least eight million revolutions before replacement of any part.

The miniature uniselector is designed for operation in 22 volt or 50 volt circuits in its standard versions and incorporates its own spark quench device.

The new uniselector has applications in automatic systems where select, lock, repeat, and outlet marking is required. In certain circuit arrangements it will permit a substantial saving to be made in the number of relays required. (Siemens Edison Swan Ltd., 155, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2.)

Device To Reduce Radiation Hazards

A new electronics device which would reduce radiation hazards from X-rays and increase the power of astronomical telescopes may be in commercial use next year.

The device, called an image intensifier, makes dark things brighter. Hospitals using it would be able to make X-rays with weaker light, thus reducing the amount of radiation.

A spokesman for the government-sponsored National Research Development Corporation, which is backing the device at London's Imperial College of Science and Technology, said it was also hoped that the intensifier would enable optical space telescopes to see much further. (China Mail Special.)

Experiments With Heated Roads

NEW British ideas for safer road surfaces are being featured by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research at the Public Works and Municipal Services Exhibition.

Specimens of road containing heating elements are being shown. Elimination of fog, particularly at road junctions, and dangerous corners, is one of the aims of the research. A reduction in the number of accidents and consequent delays in traffic may be achieved by the use of heated roads.

Also exhibited is an apparatus for selecting roadstones for use on sites where silt is a danger. This equipment comprises a machine for polishing the stones, simulating the action of a portable apparatus used for measuring the degree of surface silt.

This apparatus has been developed especially for field work. It is easily handled and can be set up conveniently on a road where the surface has to be checked. Tests are made in wet weather, when silt is most likely to be a problem. The instrument permits assessment of the extent of silt on the surface by traffic. It is used for laboratory tests on various types of road surfaces.

New Way To Prevent Mine Explosions

BRITISH scientists discovered a new and inexpensive mine explosion prevention measure, it was reported today.

A safety report of the Ministry of Power said that a simple mixture of two by-products was effective in preventing the kind of coal dust which has been responsible for many of the explosions causing 47 deaths.

The mixture, the most promising material tested so far, was a fine dust of sodium methyl-cellulose, a by-product of the rayon industry. (China Mail Special.)

Fast Designing Computer

A new computer recently designed for the detailed design calculations for a power station, floor structure, and other large-scale engineering work, is being used by a design engineer to complete a similar task. The computer, in fact, does the job 100 times as fast.

In addition to releasing skilled men for more creative work, this important new development will open the way for consideration of economies in network design, enabling more elaborate structures to be made and the relative merits of various schemes to be assessed by a faster and more accurate method. (United Steel Company Ltd., 10, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.)

Safety Belt

A MOTOIST's safety belt was shown at the recent Motor Show in London. This safety belt can be fitted to any car, say the manufacturers. The belt which holds the driver in his seat in an emergency does not create clothes, or restrict freedom of movement. (Leyland Motors Ltd., 10, Bedford Square, London, W.C.1.)

The American Consumer—Hero Of 1958

New York, Jan. 4. As 1958 ended on a strong note economically, with the fourth quarter of 1958 one of the most prosperous in history, businessmen agreed generally that the American consumer, who refused to panic during the 1957-8 recession, was the hero of 1958.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

Our Own Correspondent

Business done on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$482,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions were:

Banks	Buyers	Sellers	Rate
HSBC	100	100	100
Bank of China	100	100	100

HSBC 100 100 100

Bank of China 100 100 100

Bank of Communications 100 100 100

Bank of East Asia 100 100 100

Bank of India 100 100 100

Bank of Japan 100 100 100

Bank of Korea 100 100 100

Bank of London 100 100 100

Bank of Mexico 100 100 100

Bank of New York 100 100 100

Bank of Paris 100 100 100

Bank of Portugal 100 100 100

Bank of Russia 100 100 100

Bank of Spain 100 100 100

Bank of Sweden 100 100 100

Bank of Switzerland 100 100 100

Bank of the Netherlands 100 100 100

Bank of the United States 100 100 100

Bank of the West 100 100 100

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There was a decline of spending by consumers during the recession, of course, but it was not a severe decline. Rather, it was a temporary lull, which was followed by a strong recovery in demand for goods and services, which kept the economy from turning into a real depression, and then sparked the economic upturn.

Apparent

That upturn started late last April, although it was not immediately apparent, and slowly gathered force during the summer months. By September it was clear that the recession was on the way out, and this knowledge brought confidence, which in turn hastened the recovery.

The fine fourth-quarter figures were the result. The Gross National Product—the measure of the dollar value of goods and services produced—was at an all-time high of more than \$450,000 million in the fourth quarter, although for the whole year the GNP was down about three per cent from 1957.

Personal income, construction activity, retail sales and average hourly earnings of factory workers all hit new peaks in the fourth quarter, and in several non-durable goods lines, such as automobiles, there were new records. The stock market's industrial average also crossed into new all-time high grounds.

In some cases, of course, these new all-time dollar values were a bit misleading, since they were caused more by higher prices than by significantly increased activity. A note of basic health was there, and the promise for 1959 was steadily optimistic.

Assured

For 1959, the estimated GNP is about \$475,000 million, and it should be \$500,000 million by 1960. A \$20,000 million advance in GNP in the next six months is already assured by business orders on the books. This at least a nine per cent jump in GNP for the next year seems sure, and the Federal Reserve Board Industrial Index, down six per cent in 1958 from 1957 figures, should rebound in 1959 with a 12 per cent jump over 1958.

It is estimated that business will be using its total plant to 90 per cent of capacity by spring of 1959, which in turn should bring about added capital expenditures which a few months ago seemed out of the question. (U.P.I.)

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollar per £1 135.75

Sterling notes (per £1) 135.75

Australian notes (per £1) 135.75

Indonesian rupiah (per 100) 135.75

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Europe's Economic Outlook Bright Apart From France

Stocks Close 1958 At Record Tops

New York, Jan. 4. Stocks closed 1958 at record tops and opened 1959 at another set of all-time highs.

For the year the market made its best advance in history. For the week the gains were the best for industrial stocks since July 25. Trading for 1958 broke all records since 1930 and was the fourth largest in history.

Dow-Jones

Gains for the week in the Dow-Jones averages were industrial at 587.50 up 14.36 points for the week and a record high, railroad 159.72 up 2.72 points and a new high since November 7, 1956; utility 192.22 up 2.00 and a new high since June 13, 1950, and 65 stocks in the three averages at 203.91 up 4.07 and a new record high.

The Standard & Poor's index of 500 stocks closed the week at 55.44 up 1.33 points and a record high. On the basis of that rise the valuation of all listed shares on the big board—more than five billion of them—gained nearly seven billion dollars. Impetus for the rise was furnished by several developments. Tax selling ended for one, Europe got its currencies in order and the nations forming a Common Market. Automobile production rose up sharply in December. Retail trade rose sharply after setting a new high record for Christmas buying. And finally, leaders of Government and industry predicted a record 1959.

Industrial

For the year 1958, the industrial average closed at 583.85 up 147.90 points or 34 per cent over the 1957 close; rails 157.65 up points up 60.63 or 63 per cent; 33 per cent; and 65 stocks 203.91 up 4.07 points or 2 per cent. At the close of 1957, the industrial index showed a loss of 63.78 points on the year and rails, 65.27 points. The utilities in 1957 alone managed to show a tiny gain.

Sales in the past week cut to four days averaged 3,790,140 shares daily against a daily average at the previous week cut to three days, of 2,981,193 shares and the December 19 week at 3,741,298 shares daily.

Best Markets

The automobile shares enjoyed one of their markets in months on Friday when the companies generally reported sharp gains in December output. Steels also met demand with U.S. Steel a feature.

The currency moves with the indications of the part Germany is playing in bolstering the franc resulted in continental buying of German stocks, especially Dawes loan which put on three points. Greeks tended to hold over as a result of profit-taking at the recently established higher levels.

Trans-Atlantic stocks have been marked up, reacting to the new peaks achieved by Wall Street this week but interest in dollar securities is certainly not on a very high level and the premium still stands at nil.

INDUSTRIAL

Industrial equities enjoyed the bulk of the attention this week and on more than one occasion there have been scenes on the floor of the house which could only be described as a mad scramble for shares. A year ago most of these industrial shares were less than half their present price. With the boom-like atmosphere there are fewer investors ready to sell and it is quite clear that the new unit trusts are already

PARITY PRICE

The mid-December parity price, announced late Wednesday, held at 39.93 cents a pound, unchanged from November, but 150 points higher than the 37.43 cents level reported in mid-December, 1957.

The Commodity Credit Corporation reported loans on the 1958 crop through Dec. 20 amounted to 4,851,500 bales against 1,895,195 bales to the same time last year.—U.P.I.

To carry them through March on certain construction. Possibility of a wage increase for mill workers was regarded as a foregone conclusion in early 1959 and that higher prices will have to be obtained to offset any increase in payrolls.

However, the cautious cotton thought buyers would be slow to get too far ahead into the second quarter. They felt that any wage increase might be offset by the possibility of lower prices for raw cotton in the second and third quarters of 1959.

London, Jan. 4. West Europe's economy bounced back strongly at the beginning of the New Year from its first post-war dose of freedom, and economic experts said the way was now clear to import more U.S. and Canadian consumer goods. The British pound sterling, which any foreigner now can change for U.S. and Canadian dollars, kicked off its old year with a new showing of strength. Continental currencies followed suit.

The biggest spur came in a generally bright European economic picture came from France. Communist-dominated labour unions there rumbled ominously against the heavy doses of austerity ordered by the De Gaulle Government.

President-elect Charles de Gaulle's ability to enforce a stern belt-tightening financial programme to keep France's devalued franc in line would be the first showdown test of his Government's authority. Western Europe got its economic boost when Britain and ten continental neighbours made their currencies externally convertible—meaning that any foreigner could convert the currencies almost without restrictions into dollars and other hard currencies.

Daring Move

It was a daring move designed to restore second money in Europe and first results were promising. British financial experts said there now is no reason why Britain and other Western European nations should not progressively step up their imports of consumer goods from the United States and Canada. Hitherto, because of a shortage of dollars, most Western European countries have had to limit their dollar area purchases to heavy capital goods and vital necessary commodities like oil and coal.

But now American cigarettes, coffee, breakfast foods, canned goods and other consumer items for which Europeans have been "starving" for years are likely to cross the Atlantic in increasing quantities.

Reacted

West Europe's foreign exchange markets and stock exchanges reacted enthusiastically to the new situation. The pound sterling and most continental currencies stood firm all the way. Britain felt the pound had won new stature as an international currency and experts predicted a chain reaction of developments that would put this country firmly on the recovery road in 1959.

Prime Minister Harold Macmillan's government, which already has slashed the Bank of England and discount rate from seven to four per cent last year, was expected to cut it again to 3 1/2 per cent early in the New Year. Lowering the interest rate would increase purchases and cut unemployment.

The British press was enthusiastic except for organs of the Labour Party opposition. The Conservative Daily Mail said editorially those who "have confidence in the British that will be, must support what has been done." The Daily Express said there was no limit to that Britons could do in 1959.

Too Risky

The Labour opposition insisted the move was too risky and called a meeting of party leaders tomorrow to decide whether to attack the Conservative's policies when Parliament meets again at the end of the month. Labour was reported to fear Macmillan would take advantage of the economic upsurge to call a snap general election this spring in which the Conservatives might be returned for the third straight time.

France, still reeling from the biggest question mark in the whole picture of an economically resurgent Europe, Finance Minister Antoine Pinay rocked the country to its heels with details of one of the toughest austerity measures in French history.

It faced Frenchmen with the prospect of a devalued franc and of having to pay more for bread, rice, chocolate, milk, railroad fares, electricity, gas, post and telephone charges, and other vital services.—U.P.I.

Bank Of England Statement

London, Jan. 4. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 31, read as follows:

Notes in circulation 2,151,000,000
Bank deposits 1,237,000,000
Private deposits 262,000,000
Government securities 214,000,000
Other securities 41,324,477
Reserve 60,490,251
Total 3,665,814,727
—U.P.I.

Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Jan. 4. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Dec. 29, read as follows:

Total gold holdings 247,000,000,000
Total foreign currencies 2,555,000,000
Sight balances in BFR 14,125,200,000
Advance to stabilization fund 2,100,000,000
Total bills discounted

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More Cold Weather For HK

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By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

The present cold snap is expected to last for at least another day—possibly two days.

The Royal Observatory said this morning, the temperature would probably drop below 50 degrees.

At 6 a.m. today, the minimum temperature recorded at the Observatory was 50.6 degrees.

However, a spokesman told the China Mail that every year the lowest temperatures in January were usually less than 50 degrees, and occasionally below 40 degrees.

Last January, the temperature dropped to 45.1 degrees. The present cold spell is being caused by an anti-cyclone centred near Siberia, which has been building up for the last three or four days.

The Royal Observatory said conditions should improve during the afternoon, with overcast skies giving way to fair periods.

The further outlook, the spokesman said, is still cold weather, but added that tomorrow's temperature should be the lowest.

YOUTH, COBRA KILL Chemical Trucks EACH OTHER Blow Up

Jessellon, Jan. 4.
A youth and a 10-foot King Cobra killed each other in a village in the Kinross district of Borneo yesterday.

The youth attacked the snake with a club, and during the ensuing battle kicked it in its puffed-up head.

The cobra sank its fangs into his sole. — Reuters.

Atlanta, Jan. 4.
The explosion of a truck-load of industrial chemicals here last night caused damage estimated at approximately \$200,000 and minor burns to some 12 firemen fighting the resulting blaze.

The blast, felt over an area of about five miles, blew over five highway truck-trailers, two highway tractors, four smaller pieces of equipment and wrecked the truck depot. — U.P.I.

KOWLOON MAN WINS CLAIM

A Kowloon financier who lent \$7,000 to two men to open an architectural office in Hongkong won his claim against one of the men in court today.

DEATH OF FORMER CANTON RESIDENT

News has been received of the death of Dr James McLure Henry, who was associated with the Lingnan University of Canton for many years.

He died on December 18 at Nekoma, Florida.

Dr Henry was 79.

Dr Henry came from a missionary family and was brought up in Canton.

He was President of the University until 1927. Then he became Provost, a post he held until 1946.

Returning in 1946, Dr Henry joined United.

He came to Hongkong in 1950 and returned the following year to Florida.

Suspect Arrested

The Police have arrested a man following the snatching of a purse from a Chinese woman in Wellington Street, near its junction with Aberdeen Street, on Saturday.

He was Mr Tang Chin, 27, Fuk Lo Tsun Road, Kowloon, who claimed \$7,000 advanced to Van Kwok-hsing, alias Van Hing-ching, and Arthur Robert Fenton Haven, both of Room 631 Man Yee Building.

The case was heard before Mr Justice C. W. H. Rees, Senior Puisne Judge, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Judgment was awarded against Van for the amount claimed. The case against Haven, who was not in the Colony, was adjourned indefinitely, with liberty to restore on notice being given to the Court Clerk.

Mr Brook Bernacchi and Mr Gerald de Basto, both instructed by Mr W. Wong of M. K. Lam and Co. represented Mr Tang.

Van appeared in person.

Mr Bernacchi said that Mr Cheung Wing-in of P. H. Sin and Co., who had acted for Haven had asked him to apply for leave to withdraw as he had not received further instructions from his client.

CONSENTED

The applications was granted. Counsel said that Van had consented to judgment with costs. Haven was in England.

Mr Bernacchi submitted that on the pleadings, in the absence of evidence on behalf of the defence, he was entitled to judgment.

Mr Bernacchi said Raven left Hongkong last August. He said it must be conceded that Raven was not notified of the date of hearing.

Mr Justice Rees said he did not feel justified in proceeding in Raven's absence.

INSTRUMENT TO REPLACE VIOLIN, CELLO AND BASS

Rome, Jan. 4.
A Milan musician, Francesco Marisciano, has invented a new musical instrument which is capable of replacing the violin, cello, bass violin and double bass, it was claimed here today.

Marisciano has been working on his invention since 1955. The instrument looks like a concert piano. It has 66 black and white keys which, when struck, cause strings to vibrate.

The instrument has pedals and a device to accelerate vibrations. It operates by electricity. The instrument will cost about 1,000,000 lire. — France-Press.

Man, Woman Hurt In Road Mishaps

A 30-year-old man was injured when he fell from a tractor inside Kai Tak Airport, yesterday.

The man, Lee Hop of No. 39 Shanghai Street, 2nd floor, is receiving treatment in Kowloon Hospital.

A taxi knocked down and injured a 62-year-old woman in Waterloo Road, near its junction with Pitt Street, yesterday. The woman, Lai Lau-oi of No. 11A, Soares Avenue, 2nd floor, was taken to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

Thefts From Flats

Thieves broke into No. 18 Yuet Yuen Street, 3rd floor, yesterday and stole clothing valued at \$180.

On Saturday, cash and jewellery to a total value of \$415 were stolen from No. 30 Haven Street, 2nd floor.

Cash and jewellery valued at \$470 were stolen from a stone flat, No. 14A, Island Road, last night.



The Deputy Colonial Secretary, Mr E. B. Teesdale (left) chatting with Mr W. I. J. Wallace, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, after his arrival this morning on a week's visit. — China Mail Photo.

COLONIAL OFFICE OFFICIAL HERE FOR WEEK'S VISIT

Mr W. I. J. Wallace, Assistant Under-Secretary of State for the Colonies, arrived in Hongkong this morning from London via the Hong Kong, after his arrival this morning on a week's visit. — China Mail Photo.

30-Year-Old House May Come Down To Make Way For Bigger One

Plans for a new six-storey building were revealed this morning by an architect before a Tenancy Tribunal hearing an application for exemption of Nos. 71-73 Fa Yuen Street, Kowloon.

The Tribunal consisted of Mr John Way, President, Mr Chow Hau-ling, and Mr George Ronald Ross.

The architect, Mr A. H. Basto, testified that the existing three-storey buildings were 30 years old.

The new building, which will double the covered area, will accommodate shops on the ground floor and five flats on the upper floors.

The cost of demolition and construction was estimated at \$120,000 and the time, about eight months.

Appearing for the applicants, Mr Leung Wing-kut, Mr Tang Chung-lee, and Mr Wong Yiu-kyong, businessmen, Mr Francis Wong of C. Y. Kwan and Co.

Mr Leung, co-owner with Mr Tang of No. 73 Fa Yuen Street, said he bought the house in 1948 and had entered into an agreement with the neighbouring house-owner to join hands in a redevelopment scheme.

Mr Leung had \$147,200 in the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank specifically for the scheme. He said he also held many shares in public utilities valued at more than \$400,000.

Mr Leung also said he had no liabilities that might affect the scheme and if necessary, he could finance it by himself.

JOINT ACCOUNT.
Mr Tang, the other owner of No. 71, said the house was not encumbered. He said he and

Concert At Loke Yew Hall

LAST night in the Loke Yew Hall Mr Harry Odell presented Philippa Schuyler, a talented young American pianist, in the first of the 1959 concerts by distinguished visiting artists.

The programme was a long and ambitious one. Miss Schuyler showed boundless energy; but I think that a programme which starts fairly promptly at 8 p.m. should not go on after 11 p.m., especially as people from North Point and Kowloon have a long way to go home.

The two short so-called Sonatas, one by Scarlatti in A and one by his pupil and admirer Soler in G minor, can be regarded only as useful "warmers". They are just little exercises and contain no particular musical thought.

The two simple nocturnes by Field (the originator of the name "nocturne") were delicately played. This also applied to the Chopin Nocturne which very appropriately followed the Field Nocturnes later in the programme.

The main works of the first half were the Beethoven Appassionata Sonata, and two of Chopin's longer works, the Fantaisie in F Minor and his 3rd Scherzo. I have no hesitation in saying that the Chopin group was enjoyed by the audience very much better than the Beethoven. Miss Schuyler has great technical ability. This was even more apparent when she played an encore which was a reduction of the last movement of Liszt's E Flat Piano Concerto. Some may disagree with "arrangers" who treat concertos for Orchestra in this way, but no one can gainsay the fact that Miss Schuyler played it extremely well.

In the above, she was "at home". In the Beethoven, she was not. As one astute commentator put it, there was much too much appassionate and too little Beethoven. Technical skill is only a means, not an end. Only after years of life can any artist feel something of what Beethoven probably felt in creating this great sonata.

The 2nd half of the programme was devoted to composers of the present century including Ravel, Copland and Gerakwin, with a short piece composed by the soloist and two delightful Chinese songs arranged by Kelly. Again Miss Schuyler seemed to be very much at home in the playing of the Ravel works which called for a good deal of technique and delicacy of touch.

We look forward to hearing Miss Schuyler again.

On the Stock Exchange in the late Eighties and early Nineties, Sir Hormusjee came into much prominence, where his aggressive spirit earned him the credit of being the Napoleon of the Bazaar.

But even in later days, he had his ups and downs, being at one time, in his own words, reduced to a condition of having "no more than the value of his luncheon in his pocket."

Later he began a most ambitious commercial venture with Sir Paul Chater exploiting the mineral resources of Tokin.

The Charbonnages Mines, with their inexhaustible resources brought revenue and their enterprise was met with good spirit by the French who eventually awarded Sir Hormusjee the Legion of Honour.

Sir Hormusjee was also an ardent supporter of racing in the Colony and many a "Buxey" winner was led in by him past the Grand Stand.

Other forms of sports too did not fall of his liberal patronage. Most of all will his memory be perpetuated in Hongkong by his munificent donation of three lakhs for the erection of the University which unfortunately he did not live to see inaugurated.

Theft From Car

A wrist watch and a fountain pen valued at \$115 were stolen from a car parked outside the Hockey Club, Caroline Hill Road, Sookunpoo, yesterday.

The Police have arrested two men following the theft of a quantity of cotton waste valued at \$5 from a lorry parked in Navy Street on Saturday.

From the Files

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"COLONIAL" writing in the "Old Hongkong" recalls that a "grand old man" of the Colony who won much renown in the days of Sir Paul Chater was Sir Hormusjee Mody, who died in 1911 at the age of 74.

He came to Hongkong from Bombay at the age of 21 and after working for a firm of Indian merchants, set himself up as an auctioneer of opium.

In the old days of the opium trade, the first indication of the arrival of an opium ship from India was the appearance of her topsails or her smoke-stack as the case might be. Thereupon there was an immediate rush of brokers and dealers to get first on board.

Many of them owned fast gigs so as to make the best of such chances and many exciting races were run in order to be first aboard for it need hardly be said that the broker who could find out first from the ship what was the state of the opium market in India was able, if he was smart, to get ashore quickly and make use of his exclusive information to some purpose in the Hongkong, Canton and Macao markets and perhaps paralyse the trade in these ports.

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